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## IN ATTENDANCE

Susanne Lavoie, Exec. Director	Leah Bishop, Harborside Inn	Matt Moore, Marriott Long Wharf Hotel
Chris Fincham, Treasurer	Lee Kozol, Harbor Towers I	Joanne Hayes-Rines, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park
Tom Nally, A Better City	Diane Rubin, attorney for Harbor Towers	Captain Ken Fong, Sergeant Doris & Officer Teddy Boyle, BPD
Stephen Johnston, Boston Harbor Hotel	Neal Hartman & Linda Gottlieb, Harbor Towers II	Maria Lanza, Neighborhood Services
Matthew Murphy, Boston Harbor Cruises	Heidi Wolf & Ray Green, Intercontinental Residences	Patrick Lyons, Rep Michlewitz Legislative Aid.
Bob Paone, Folio		
Judy Ehrlich, Greenway Place		

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## BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT A-1 MONTHLY UPDATE – CAPTAIN KENNETH FONG

Susanne Lavoie called the meeting to order and introduced Capt. Fong who reported that crime in our district is up 2%. Problems the last month occurred at Howl at the Moon on April 7 with a patron who was disorderly, a fight at Milk and India Streets on April 8, license inspection at Umbria revealed underage patrons on April 14. Also a woman fell into the harbor at Independence Wharf on April 2; she was all right. The Boston Marathon went smoothly with no issues.

## 3RD SUFFOLK DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE AARON MICHLEWITZ. REPRESENTATIVE MICHLEWITZ GAVE HIS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE WDC ON HIS 2017

Rep Michlewitz gave an overview on the key legislative proposals that his office is working on for the 2017-2018 Massachusetts House of Representatives Session. He answered questions as he went through the 8 proposals. Following is a summary:

### 1. Short Term Residential Rentals

- a. Directs short-term rentals to be registered with the State & City
  - b. Three different Host categories (those who rent out units for short-term use)
    - i. Residential Hosts: Unit must be the hosts primary residence. Cannot rent out unit for more than 60 days per year
    - ii. Commercial Hosts: Hosts rent out units for more than 60 days per year and/or rent out multiple units for short-term rental usage.
    - iii. Professionally Managed Hosts: Business entities (Corporate housing and other similar renters) or individuals that have a rental management system in place to oversee the properties. Units rentals must be for a minimum of five nights or more.
  - c. Mandates that rentals be up to code on fire/electrical/safety matters.
  - d. Rentals would have to pay State and local taxes.
  - e. Mandates rentals have a minimum of \$1,000,000 of liability insurance.
- ### 2. Preventing Wage Theft & Promoting Employer Accountability
- a. Helps protect workers from wage theft and unfair subcontractor practices.

- b. Would make contractors/subcontractors/outsources legally responsible for any labor violations. Current law can leave this in doubt.
- c. Legislation being worked on with AFL-CIO and other labor unions.

**3. Gun Control Measures**

- a. First bill would allow police to search the premises for weapon(s) when the police are called for a domestic violence disturbance and seize the weapon(s) if the weapon(s) would threaten the safety of the victim.
- b. Second bill would state the State create a Gun Offender Registry List that would be available to the public. Similar to the Sex Offender Registry List.

**4. Better Regulations Concerning Sex Offenders**

- a. First bill would instruct Department of Public Safety to formulate a plan for the proper discharging of level 3 sex offenders to homeless shelters.
- b. Second bill would clarify how sex offenders register with local police, mandating that they check in within 30 days of being released from custody.

**5. Car Rental Fees**

- a. Exempts Boston and Cambridge residents and those customers renting from car sharing organizations from paying the surcharge on rental cars that go to the Boston Convention Center.

**6. Tunnel Safety**

- a. Would require the State to access and report the amount of insurance listed and the amount of insurance required for all privately-owned tunnels.

**7. Traffic Violations**

- a. Strengthens penalties for vehicles, bicycles and mopeds that do not stop for pedestrians in marked crosswalks when pedestrians have the right of way.

**8. Fines for License Violations**

- a. Licensing Board has no means of assessing financial penalties on businesses.
- b. Legislation would allow the Licensing Board to level financial fines as well as retaining the ability to impose other penalties at their disposal.

Rep Michlewitz discussed his position on the latest version of the Downtown Waterfront Municipal Harbor Plan (MHP). He understands that this version, altering the guaranteed 50% open space required in Chapter 91 for new development of the Harbor Garage, was not reviewed by the MHP Advisory Committee, was approved by the BPDA (formerly BRA) Board and is now before the Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Rep Michlewitz does not agree with the changes to the MHP and will write a letter advising the State of his continued support for 50% open space & a maximum of 50% lot coverage.

**STATUS OF THE MUNICIPAL HARBOR PLAN PROCESS**

The latest version of the Downtown Waterfront Municipal Harbor Plan (MHP) altered the guaranteed 50% open space required in Chapter 91 for new development of the Harbor Garage just prior to being submitted to the BPDA Board for approval. This latest version was not reviewed by the MHP Advisory Committee (several WDC members are on this committee), was not presented to the community, was approved by the BPDA Board and is now before the Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

The WDC believes this lack of notification to the community deprived us of the opportunity to comprehend the impact of the changes and send comment letters. The modifications that were made prior to the Board vote

destroyed some of the fundamental principles that are essential to our endorsement of the MHP. A copy of the WDC's most recent comment letter on the MHP can be found on our web site: [www.wharfdistrictcouncil.org](http://www.wharfdistrictcouncil.org).

### **HARBORWALK SIGNAGE PROGRAM – LIZ NELSON, BOSTON HARBOR NOW**

The Boston Harbor Now Signage Committee is working on a unifying signage system for the 43-mile HarborWalk that runs through numerous harbor neighborhoods. This signage system is a branding and wayfinding effort, intended to encourage use and enjoyment of the HarborWalk by residents and visitors. BHN is working closely with their neighborhood partners to add engaging, stylistically consistent interpretive signs, to significantly enhance the HarborWalk's connectivity and celebrate Boston's waterfront history. The committee is also planning wayfinding signs at key "entry points".

This multiyear project started in East Boston with new development along the harbor. BHN is working with landscape architects – Halvorson Design Partnership & Copley Wolff Design Group. Initial drafts are expected in late spring. Finalized, templates will be available for other communities.

It will be a few years before they will focus on the Wharf District HarborWalk. Marc Margulies stated that the WDC looks forward to participating in the signage program. The WDC is committed to ensuring that the Wharf District has a robust sign/wayfinding system for the entire neighborhood and will work with Boston Harbor Now to make the HarborWalk signs are part of the whole.

For more information contact Liz Nelson Weaver at [nelsonlizm@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonlizm@gmail.com).

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS & ISSUES**

### **CONTINUED COMPLAINTS OF LATE NIGHT NOISE COMING FROM UMBRIA**

Maria Lanza, Neighborhood Services, gave an update on Umbria saying the business was being investigated by the liquor task force. She is working on the continuing late night noise problem at the Umbria nightclub. Umbria is currently under investigate by Problem Properties. Maria and Neighborhood Services are setting up a meeting of all affected parties, to work through the issues. More information including time and location to follow.

### **VOLUNTEER DAY – JUDY EHRLICH, WDC VOLUNTEER CHAIR**

The Wharf District Council believes our Greenway Parks are an integral part of our neighborhood. Once again, the Wharf District Council is partnering with the Greenway Conservancy for our 2nd neighborhood volunteer evening: **The Wharf District Neighborhood Greenway Volunteer Evening in Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.**

Join neighbors and friends in this great program that offers a rewarding and fun experience for our volunteers and helps support the maintenance of the parks. The evening includes interacting with the horticulture team, light gardening duty and refreshments. The projects to be determined by the Greenway staff horticulturists.

Please let Judy know if you are interested in joining us. Partners and spouses are welcome. We are limited to 30 people and are already half full. Please respond by emailing Judy at [jrehlich5@gmail.com](mailto:jrehlich5@gmail.com).

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE 2018 FIREWORKS OVER BOSTON HARBOR – JOANNE HAYES RINES**

Boston residents and visitors alike agree that the North End/Waterfront is a very special neighborhood and the place to be on New Year's Eve where fireworks have always ushered in the New Year. The excitement is never higher than when Bostonians and visitors ring in the New Year with fireworks on the harbor. Last New Year's Eve the harbor was dark and silent. Boston Harbor Now, The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park and the Wharf District Council are working together to raise the funds necessary so that Boston Harbor is ablaze in a fabulous fireworks display on December 31, 2017! Please join us and other neighborhood hotels, restaurants, businesses, and residents with a donation to ensure that fireworks over the harbor will ring in 2018.

If we can raise the funds - our Ultimate Fireworks Goal is: TWO fireworks displays on the south and north ends of the harbor for \$80,000. Our Minimum Fireworks Goal is: ONE fireworks display in the center of the harbor for \$40,000. To make a donation or for further information, please contact Joanne Hayes Rines at [jhayesrines@gmail.com](mailto:jhayesrines@gmail.com).

### **UPDATE ON 110 BROAD STREET CONSTRUCTION**

The slurry wall installation is completed. They are currently preparing the top of the slurry wall to receive a concrete cap beam. Formwork for the cap beam will begin and continue for approximately 2 weeks. When this work is completed in late April they will begin bulk excavation for the parking vault & basement levels.

### **GREENWAY GALA**

Wharf District Council Table at the Greenway Gala, Friday June 8. Contact Susanne Lavoie at [susannelavoie@aol.com](mailto:susannelavoie@aol.com) if you would like to join us and to purchase tickets.

### **SAIL BOSTON SCHEDULE OF EVENTS RELEASED**

Grand Parade of Sail on June 17 Kicks Off Maritime Celebration

- On June 17, dozens of majestic sailing vessels from around the globe will enter Boston's inner harbor under sail for the first time since 2000. The Grand Parade of Sail, kicks off the celebration at 10 AM as the US Coast Guard Barque Eagle, in tandem with a US Navy Jets flyover, approaches the official reviewing stand in the harbor's North Jetty. The USCG Eagle will be followed by more than fifty magnificent vessels, including: Union from Peru, Europa from The Netherlands, Alexander Von Humboldt II from Germany, Spain's El Galeon, Guayas from Ecuador, United Kingdom's Blue Clipper, Canada's Bluenose II, Chile's Esmeralda, and others.
- The Parade launches a five-day, nautical-themed celebration featuring educational, cultural, interactive, and re-enactment events and activities and daily free public boarding of the ships. A colorful Crew and Cadets Parade from The Seaport to Downtown Crossing highlights the landside activities.
- There are several free public events related to the Tall Ships visit. The highlights include:

**EVENT: OPENING CEREMONY**

**LOCATION:** Boston Harbor Hotel Rotunda

**DATE:** Friday, June 16, 2017

**TIME:** 12:00 PM

**TYPE:** Primarily a press event with limited public access

**DESCRIPTION:** The Sail Boston Opening Ceremony officially will kick-off Sail Boston 2017. The Blessing of the Sails, an ecumenical service celebrating the return of International Tall Ships, will follow. Sails bearing the flag of each visiting country will be presented.

**EVENT: GRAND PARADE OF SAIL**

**LOCATION:** Boston Harbor

**DATE:** Saturday, June 17, 2017

**TIME:** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**TYPE:** Public

**DESCRIPTION:** The Grand Parade of Sail will highlight the day's activities as vessels parade in flotillas from Broad Sound into the main channel of Boston harbor, along the Boston waterfront, turning at Charlestown, before proceeding to their assigned berthing areas. Public viewing of the parade will be spectacular from Castle Island, the Seaport District, the Downtown Waterfront, the North End, Charlestown, and East Boston.

**EVENT: PUBLIC BOARDING OF SHIPS**

**LOCATION:** Fish Pier, World Trade Center, Fan Pier, Charlestown Pier 1 and Pier 4

**DATE:** Saturday, June 17, 2017 – Wednesday, June 21, 2017

**TIME:** 10:00 AM- 10:00 PM (at the discretion of the Captain)

**NOTE:** 3:00 PM start on Saturday, June 17th

**TYPE:** Public

**DESCRIPTION:** Following the Parade of Sail on Saturday, June 17th, the Tall Ships will be berthed at various piers for the public to view and board. All piers are open from 3:00 – 10:00 PM on Saturday, June 17th and 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM Sunday – Wednesday. The boarding of ships is at the discretion of each ship's Captain. Note: Fish Pier is tentative.

**EVENT: SAIL BOSTON FESTIVAL**

**LOCATION:** Fish Pier, World Trade Center, Fan Pier, Charlestown Pier 1 and Pier 4

**DATE:** Saturday, June 17, 2017 – Wednesday, June 21, 2017

**TIME:** 10:00 AM- 10:00 PM

3:00 PM start on Saturday, June 17th

**TYPE:** Public

**DESCRIPTION:** Music, food, and entertainment will be available at each of these festival sites that are adjacent to berthing areas.

**EVENT: SAIL BOSTON OFFICIAL CAPTAINS RECEPTION**

**LOCATION:** State House

**DATE:** Sunday, June 18, 2017

**TIME:** 5:15 PM

**TYPE:** State House steps. Public can view red carpet ceremony from outside the perimeter in the street and on Boston Common. Reception is by invitation only.

**DESCRIPTION:** The State House Official Captains' reception is an event to welcome the Tall Ship Captains to Boston. Mayor Walsh and Governor Baker will formally receive captains and officers from each vessel. The red-carpet ceremony on State House steps will include delegations from participating countries, Honor Guard, and fife and drum.

**EVENT: DOWNTOWN CROSSING CREW PARADE**

**LOCATION:** Seaport Boulevard to Downtown Crossing

**DATE:** Monday, June 19, 2017

**TIME:** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

**TYPE:** Public

**DESCRIPTION:** The Downtown Crossing Crew and Cadet Parade is an opportunity for the City of Boston and the State of Massachusetts to celebrate Sail Boston 2017 and to welcome over a thousand guests from around the world. Marching bands and cadets from the visiting ships will parade along Seaport Boulevard to Downtown Crossing. Following the parade, participants will be treated to a Sail Boston Crew BBQ. There will be an award ceremony for the participants of the Bermuda to Boston race leg of the RDV2017 Regatta.

**EVENT: CREW AND CADET SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

**LOCATION:** Moakley Park

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017

**TIME:** 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**TYPE:** Public invited to watch.

**DESCRIPTION:** Crews and cadets of the Tall Ships will participate in a friendly competition soccer tournament at Moakley Park.

**EVENT: SUNSET SALUTE**

**LOCATIONS:** Charlestown Navy Yard, Fan Pier.

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 20 – Charlestown. Wednesday, June 21, Fan Pier

**TIME:** 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

**TYPE:** Public event

**DESCRIPTION:** Maritime pageant featuring fife and drum, bagpipes, and nautical regalia.

**EVENT: TALL SHIPS DEPART**

**LOCATION:** Various Venues

**DATE:** Thursday, June 22, 2017

**TIME:** 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**TYPE:** Designated Piers

**DESCRIPTION:** The Tall Ships depart Boston Harbor. The majority of the Tall Ships will continue on the next leg of the Rendez-Vous Tall Ships Regatta to Canada.