WHARF DISTRICT COUNCIL

A LETTER FROM THE WDC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Wharf District (WDC) comes alive during the holiday season, with twinkling lights on the trees, the big red bow on the Grain Exchange building and the many seasonal activities and events. There is so much going on we have devoted this newsletter to highlighting what is happening at some of the Wharf District special places. We hope you find this helpful and have an opportunity to enjoy the Wharf District neighborhood with family, friends or on your own. This is the season to walk around and experience some of our many attractions, just like our visitors do.

In this issue there are greetings from our elected officials, we thank them for their support of our community and their work with the WDC. We look forward to continuing these strong relationships in 2018. We wish our Boston City Council Bill Linehan well, as he retires from the Council and begins a new chapter in his life.

We want to make sure everyone knows that there will be fireworks over Boston Harbor on New Year's Eve. This was made possible through the work of Boston Harbor Now, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park and the WDC with the financial support of many, including our WDC members: Boston Harbor Hotel, Harborside Inn, InterContinental Hotel and Long Wharf Marriott.

As 2017 comes to an end we want to say thank you to our WDC members for working to make our neighborhood special and for supporting the WDC and its projects.

Susanne Lavoie

Susanne Lavoie WDC Executive Director

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 | 5-7PM InterContinental Boston

This Holiday Season Meeting features a presentation on the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston by Kip Parker, VP of Development, and Robin Cohen.

This meeting is open to the public.

WDC LEADERSHIP

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BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Make the Boston Harbor Hotel Your Home for the Holidays! Celebrate this holiday season at the Boston Harbor Hotel for an unforgettable experience. Go to www.BHH.com for more information.

HOLIDAY FROST TEA

Warm up with Rowes Wharf Sea Grille's festive Frost Tea featuring a rich selection of sweets and savories. Add a little sparkle to the afternoon with a glass of sparkling wine or seasonal cocktail, while the little ones sip on hot cocoa.

2:30 - 4:30 PM | \$45 per person, \$55 including a glass of sparkling wine | For Reservations Call 617-856-7744

Throughout the season, enjoy the warmth of Rowes Wharf Sea Grille's Fireside Lounge with cozy fire pits, blankets, s'mores, fondue, warming cocktails and more. www. roweswharfseagrille.com for additional details.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT MERITAGE RESTAURANT + WINE BAR

Cozy up this Christmas Eve with a delectable four-course prix-fixe menu by Chefs Daniel Bruce and Keith Bombaugh.

4:00 - 9:00 PM | \$195 with wine pairing | \$125 without wine

CHRISTMAS DAY GRAND BRUNCH

Wake up on Christmas morning and feel like a kid again with a brunch buffet filled with holiday favorites.

10:30 AM – 3:30 PM | Featuring Visit from Santa Claus and Live Holiday Jazz Music | \$110 | \$50 children 12 and under | Children under three are complimentary



CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER AT MERITAGE RESTAURANT + WINE BAR

A four-course menu of holiday offerings with perfectly paired wines & harbor views.

4:00 - 9:00 PM | Four-Course Prix Fixe Menu | \$195 with wine pairing | \$135 not including wine | Children's menu a la carte available for children under six

TOAST TO 2018 AT MERITAGE RESTAURANT + WINE BAR

Celebrate the New Year in style with a festive five-course dining experience. Raise a glass of Champagne as you indulge in a feast of delights. Continue the celebration at Rowes Wharf Bar with live entertainment, bubbles and festive cocktails.

First Seating: 5:00 - 6:30 PM | \$195 with wine pairing | \$125 not including wine; Second Seating: 7:30 - 10:00 PM | \$295 with wine pairing | \$215 not including wine

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT ROWES WHARF SEA GRILLE

Toast the New Year enjoying the exquisite cuisine of Chef Bruce & glistening harbor views.

First Seating: 4:30 - 7:30 PM | \$85 | Three Course Prix Fixe Second Seating: 8:00 - 10:00 PM | \$120 | Four Course Prix Fixe

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT ROWES WHARF BAR

Ring in the New Year with live entertainment, dancing and a festive Reyka Ice Bar at Boston's best bar for fine scotch and classic cocktails.

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM. Sushi and Champagne.

NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH

Start your year off right with a lavish buffet of specialty brunch items at Meritage Restaurant + Wine Bar.

10:30 AM – 3:30 PM | \$75 | \$40 children 12 and under

INVITATIONS & HOLIDAY MESSAGES FROM AROUND THE WHARF DISTRICT

INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

Please stop by the InterContinental Lobby and see a very special tree. InterContinental® Boston proudly showcases the wonders of their exceptional holiday exhibit. The unique interpretation of their holiday tree is specially designed and crafted by their award-winning culinary team, led by Executive Chef, Didier Montarou. The impressive tree consists of homemade gingerbread houses, antique toys, three lively train sets, and other surprises.

Located in the main lobby of the hotel, this display is sure to wow all ages.

InterContinental Boston is also participating in the following events:

- Cozy up by outdoor fire pits and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and cookies on Miel Brasserie Provençale's terrace during the Fort Point Channel Holiday Stroll on 12/8 from 4pm - 8pm.
- In celebration of the 244th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party Reenactment, InterContinental Boston is serving complimentary tea for all to enjoy from 6:30pm - 7:30pm on 12/16.

Miel Brasserie Provençale is also serving dinner during Christmas and Christmas day as well as New Year's Eve. www.intercontinentalboston.com for menus with pricing and time.



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BOSTON TEA PARTY MUSEUM

Visit the Boston Tea Party Museum and experience a piece of history. Museum hours are: first tour 10AM and last tour 4PM.

Anniversary Celebration!

On Saturday, December 16, celebrate and re-enact the single most important event leading up to the American – Boston Tea Party! Presented by Old South Meeting House and the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, the Annual Boston Tea Party Reenactment is a chance for the public to join in one of Boston's most iconic protests. Re-enactors from across New England come together to tell the story of the Boston Tea Party and dramatize the evening of December 16, 1773. For more information go to: www.bostonteapartyship.com/boston-tea-party-reenactment



BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES



BOSTON PUBLIC MARKET



MARRIOTT LONG WHARF

Stop by the Waterline Restaurant for breakfast, lunch, dinner or for drinks. Enjoy great food. Be sure to say hello to the friendly staff from the doormen who greet you as you enter the hotel to the staff and waiters. Check out the views of the trellis at Christopher Columbus Park and Boston Harbor. The trellis is lite up with blue lights during the holiday season into the Spring. A must see!



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ROSE KENNEDY GREENWAY

This winter, visit the Greenway Carousel at The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Grove to experience beautiful light shows timed to some of your favorite holiday songs! From December 1, 2017, through January 1, 2018, bring your family and friends for an unforgettable holiday trip to take a spin against the backdrop of bright, festive light shows. Shows run every 30 minutes from 4:45 PM during carousel operating hours, Fridays-Sundays and the whole week after Christmas! For more information & carousel operating hours: www.rosekennedygreenway.org/Carousel



CANDLELIT LABYRINTH PEACE WALK

The Age Friendly Boston, Greenway Conservancy, Labyrinth Guild of New England, Labyrinth Walking Meetup, NorthEndWaterfront com, and Friends of Heritage Park invite you, your family and friends to join us for the Candlelit Labyrinth Peace Walk on the Greenway.

Coming Together on Common Ground in Peace & Harmony

Sunday, December 17, 2017 | 4:30-6PM

Tie a ribbon with your wish on the Wishing Tree, celebrating an ancient tradition.

Enjoy Hot Chocolate & Scrumptious Cookies, hosted by The Bostonian Hotel Boston.



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NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM

If it has been awhile since you have visited the New England Aquarium, come in and see what is new. You are in for a surprise. There is a wide range of exhibits, including the largest shark and ray touch tank on the East Coast and the Giant Ocean Tank, a four story-coral reef featuring hundreds of Caribbean animals.

The New England Aquarium is home to thousands of aquatic animals – from striped pyjama sharks to giant Pacific octopus to little blue penguins.

Be welcomed by dozens of penguins from around the world as you enter the building - meet the animals, explore the exhibits and see what's new including the Science of Sharks exhibit. Stop by the gift shop and check out the wide range of gifts that are both for fun and educational for young and old.







BLINK

By northendwaterfront.com

Faneuil Hall Marketplace has added new twists to the Holiday Blink!, as well as weekly events called "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" for charity.

Faneuil Hall Marketplace continues the annual tradition of having the largest tree in the northeast, an 85-foot fir tree adorned with decorations, sparkling lights and synchronized to music to provide entertainment for Marketplace visitors. Blink! has been redesigned to feature more lights throughout the Marketplace that can morph into all colors of the spectrum, more sound with a variety of holiday songs being piped throughout the property and even animation. Every day from November 29 to January 1, 2018, the tree will light up at 4:30pm and every half hour will transform the Marketplace into a glittering spectacle of light and sound until closing at 10pm. In addition, the new Holiday Blink! show will feature holiday tunes for sing-a-longs, dancing and outdoor entertainment both night and day. The new "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" events for charity will be held on four Saturdays in December in partnership with CBS Radio in Boston and local charitable organizations.





November 29., 2017 – January 1, 2018 Every Half Hour From 4:30 - 10 pm

December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2017 | Noon - 4:15 PM



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NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS ON BOSTON HARBOR

Boston will ring in 2018 with two spectacular synchronized fireworks displays on the Boston Harbor. One display will be near the Seaport and the second will be near the North End. "There were many residents and visitors to Boston who missed the New Year's Eve fireworks on the harbor last year," said Joanne Hayes-Rines, president of Friends of Christopher Columbus. "We're fortunate to have a mix of businesses and neighborhood organizations along the waterfront that appreciate the importance of working together to contribute to events like New Year's Eve fireworks" said Kathy Abbott, president and CEO of Boston Harbor Now.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS DECEMBER 31 AT MIDNIGHT



They're Back!



City of Boston Mayor <u>Martin J. Walsh</u>





HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS



Seasons Greetings,

On behalf of the City of Boston, I'd like to offer my best wishes on a happy Holiday season and a prosperous New Year. 2017 has been a year of change and opportunity for the City. From our favorite Basketball team beating expectations, to my own reelection, I'm grateful for being able to lead this city and it's amazing residents. We've had an amazing year so far here in Boston, from attracting General Electric to the exciting attractions on the Greenway. This Holiday season, i'm especially grateful to my family, my friends, and the most important people- you, the residents. As always, I am here to listen, to learn and to lead and me and my team are committed to making all the neighborhoods in Boston, a healthy, thriving, and innovative citizens for all of you. Please continue to use 311 to help us make your City a better place and continue to reach out to City departments for assistance. From the City of Boston, again, I wish you and your family a happy and healthy Holiday season and a happy New Year.



City of Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh





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