



WHARF DISTRICT COUNCIL B O S T O N

WE HAVE A NEW LOGO!

Our new logo is the first step in a multi-phased branding effort that will include this newsletter, our website, and other pieces of collateral to be rolled out in 2017. The goal of this branding effort is not only to provide a consistent look and feel to our current and future members, but also to help grow our member base. The more members we have, the more effectively our council can be to supporting and improving our community.

Our new logo represents all that we are: a seaside community of residents and businesses within the most energy-efficient city in the United States. The city side of our logo shows several iconic buildings and members within our community. The water side of our logo represents our relationship with Boston Harbor's fishermen, sea life, and exquisite ocean views from our community. The nature side of our logo represents not just Boston's "greenovation" as part of its sustainability initiative, but also our green environments providing accessible open spaces to those who live, work, and visit.

This newly created map, courtesy of Google Earth, showcases our neighborhood within Boston.



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CITY OKs DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT MUNICIPAL HARBOR PLAN, PAVING WAY FOR 600-FOOT HARBOR GARAGE TOWER

BY CATHERINE CARLOCK, REAL ESTATE EDITOR, *BOSTON BUSINESS JOURNAL*, 3/2/2017



After years of debate and public meeting, the Boston Planning & Development Agency unanimously approved the draft downtown municipal harbor plan at its board meeting. The vote is a major step forward for real-estate developer Don Chiofaro of The Chiofaro Co., who has long proposed an iconic tower at the site of the Harbor Garage.

The city-approved plan outlines development guidelines for the 42-acre downtown waterfront area. It still requires state environmental approval, and the Chiofaro Co. would still need to file a development proposal. The development guidelines outlined in the plan allows for a 600-foot tower at the site with 50 % of the site required to be open space. It also allows for a 305-foot, 22-story

tower at the site of James Hook & Co. seafood restaurant on Northern Avenue, which would call for 30 percent of the lot as open space.

"This plan includes allowance for massings that do not necessarily resemble their neighbors, but can act in a stand-alone, iconic manner that could achieve multiple goals of the (downtown waterfront municipal harbor plan), and complement the broader urban context of the city in terms of light, shadow, quality of the public realm, and views to and from the waterfront," the city wrote in the document.

The plan includes a provision to "protect and promote the New England Aquarium as a water-dependent use" through an agreement between the aquarium, the city and Chiofaro. Chiofaro would also be required to contribute \$5 million toward creating a public open space at the Chart House parking lot at Long Wharf, as well as an additional \$5 million toward the Aquarium's vision for a waterfront version of the Greenway —which proponents call the Blueway — that would remove the IMAX theater from the waterfront.

Another provision in the plan would allow any existing building to elevate its flood-sensitive mechanical or utility systems to the top of a building. That could increase building heights by 30 feet, or up to two stories, and would require additional city approval.

WDC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: A BETTER CITY & RICHARD DIMINO, PRESIDENT & CEO

Rick Dimino has been President and CEO of A Better City and its predecessor the Artery Business Committee since 1995 when the mission was to support the implementation of the Central Artery/Tunnel Project and to keep the city open for business during construction. Rick led the transition to A Better City in 2005 as the Artery work was being completed and the mission shifted to representing a diverse group of business and institutional leaders with the goal of enhancing Boston and the region's economic health, competitiveness, vibrancy, sustainability, and quality of life.

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Appointed by Mayor Ray Flynn as Boston's Transportation Commissioner in the 1980s, Rick currently serves on several boards including the Boston Society of Architects, Trustee of Boston Harbor Now, Chairman Emeritus of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, and Co-chair of Go Boston 2030.

ABC's 14-member staff focuses on three areas:

1. Transportation and infrastructure
2. Land use and development
3. Energy and the environment.

ABC, working with others, is engaged in monitoring, and advising MassDOT and the City on projects that include the I-90 Interchange redesign in Allston, Longfellow Bridge, and sustainability and resiliency projects. ABC is also conducting studies on transportation, placemaking, and sustainability issues.

Rick was instrumental in the creation of the Wharf District Council. He worked with its predecessor in preparing planning and design guidelines for the Wharf District open space and for monitoring the construction of the parks and establishment of the Conservancy. ABC is currently part of a group established by the Governor to identify a permanent funding solution to support the Rose Kennedy Greenway.

Members of A Better City and the Wharf District Council share a commitment to the quality of the Greenway as it supports the lives of people who live and work here.



**WHARF DISTRICT
SPECIAL PLACES
BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL:
THE PATIO FIRESIDE LOUNGE**

BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL DEBUTS NEW FIRESIDE LOUNGE AT ROWES WHARF SEA GRILL

Cozy up at the new Rowes Wharf Fireside Lounge. Enjoy winter inspired cocktails & fireside fare

WHO: Boston Harbor Hotel invites guests to warm up their winter at the new outdoor Fireside Lounge at Rowes Wharf Sea Grille, located on the patio of Rowes Wharf Sea Grille. It is open daily starting January 30th.

WHAT: Embrace the cold with the new outdoor Fireside Lounge open to the public from 3 – 9 p.m. daily (*weather dependent). The menu features Specialty Cocktails like The Lumberjack (Knob Creek Bourbon, Maple Demerara, Black Walnut Bitters) and the Avalanche (Reyka Vodka, Kahlua, Frangelico, Mozart Chocolate Liquor, Coffee, Hot Chocolate); Non-Alcoholic Drinks including Hot Cider (with cinnamon and star anise) and Hot Cocoa (served with whipped cream and sweet garnishes); and Fireside Specialties like Warm Cheese Fondue, Warm Chocolate Fondue, and Chocolate S'mores. Fireside seating will be available on a first come first serve basis (no reservations accepted).

DID YOU KNOW? CITY OF BOSTON SERVICES – 311

WHAT IS 311?

311 is an easy-to-remember telephone number that connects you with highly-trained Constituent Service Center representatives who are ready to help with requests for non-emergency City services and information or to report a non-emergency problem.

- Call 311 to obtain information and access to all non-emergency City services.
- Call 911 for an emergency (fire, police, medical, robbery, crime in progress).
- You can also access Boston 311 services by dialing 617-635-4500.

Residents can also download the BOS:311 mobile app, Tweet @BOS311, or visit City Hall To Go, Boston's mobile city services truck. To speak with someone from the Mayor's Office of Constituent Service in person, please come to the Mayor's Office on the 5th Floor of City Hall weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Once you have successfully submitted your request, you will receive an email with a tracking number that you can use to monitor your request.

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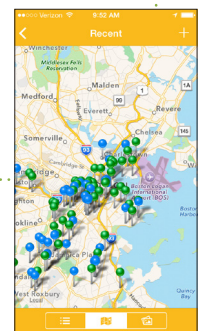
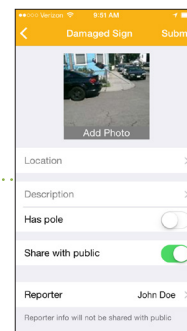
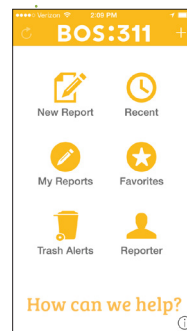
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TOP SERVICE REQUESTS

- Report a missed curbside pickup.
- Get a pothole fixed.
- Get a street cleaned.
- Get rid of a big item.
- Request needle clean-up.
- Request graffiti removal.
- Report a broken street sign.
- Report a broken traffic signal.
- Pay a parking ticket
- Report a street lamp is out.



SAVE THE DATE!



SPRING EVENTS: GREENWAY'S ARMENIAN HERITAGE PARK

BY NORTHENDWATERFRONT.COM

As Spring returns, there will be several interesting events at the Armenian Heritage Park on the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway. **Sunday, April 2**, beginning at 8AM and continuing through the morning, will be the reconfiguration of the Abstract Sculpture. This annual event is symbolic of all the people who were pulled away from their home country and came to America to re-establish themselves. The Charles G. and Doreen Bilezekian Fund supports this annual reconfiguration.

Photo above: 2016 Reconfiguration of the Abstract Sculpture. Photo by Matt Conti.

SAIL BOSTON

JUNE 17-22

Free & open to the public:

- Parade of Sail: Sat. 6/17
- Sail Boston Festival: Sat., 6/17 – Weds. 6/21
- Public Boarding of Ships: Sat., 6/17 – Weds. 6/21
- Crew & Cadet Street Parade Downtown Crossing: Mon. 6/19
- Tall Ships Depart: Thurs. 6/22



GREENWAY VOLUNTEER EVENING

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Join Wharf District Council members and friends for our 2nd Annual Wharf District Neighborhood Greenway Volunteer Evening on Thursday, May 25. Details coming up in the April newsletter!

Photo above: 2016 Wharf District Neighborhood's Greenway Volunteer Evening

GREENWAY GALA

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Our annual Greenway Gala will be held on the beautiful Rose Kennedy Greenway on Rows Wharf Plaza at High Street. Enjoy an evening under the stars celebrating Boston's premier public park.



Rose Kennedy Greenway.org

BOSTON HARBORFEST

JUNE 30-JULY 2

Free & open to the public:

- Columbus Park Live Entertainment: Sat. 7/1
- The Boston Arts Festival at Harborfest: Sat. 7/1,
- Taste of Harborfest: Sun. 7/2
- MORE TO COME!

