



WHARF DISTRICT COUNCIL B O S T O N

*"The holiday season is a perfect time
to reflect on our blessings
and seek out ways to make life better
for those around us."*

2019

Holiday Member Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 | 5-6PM
Hilton Hotel, Oliver Conference Room | 89 Broad St.
We then adjourn to a Holiday Cocktail Reception at Fin Point, downstairs.



A LETTER FROM THE WDC PRESIDENT



Happy Holiday wishes to our WDC members and to all who live, work and visit the Wharf District community and a hearty welcome to three new WDC members: The Chiofaro Company, Broad Street Boutique Realty and MNM Restaurant Group. This has been a very active and productive year for the Wharf District Council; 2020 looks to be even more eventful.

There is/has been much for us to devote our attention to, including:

- Ongoing cooperation with BPD on safety, traffic, and other issues
- Re-zoning of the Wharf District per the MHP
- Climate-ready Boston
- PLAN Boston
- The Northern Avenue Bridge
- The re-design of State Street

But perhaps most dramatic for the WDC will be the much-anticipated release of our video illustrating our collective vision for the Wharf District Public Realm. After nearly a year of stakeholder meetings, public charrettes, conceptual design sketching, and review/revision, we now have a video that should serve to inspire conversation and guidance in the planning of a public realm, focused on our three primary goals of:

- Climate resilience (detailed solutions for protecting our part of the shoreline from rising sea levels)
- Connectivity (from downtown to the harbor, from North to South)
- Accessibility (to all amenities along the water's edge by people of all demographics, ages and abilities)

Please join me in offering appreciation to all those who gave their time and treasure to make this video possible. We hope you too will enjoy thinking about the exciting future that it suggests for our community. The video will be posted soon and we encourage you to share it with friends and colleagues, and remember, it doesn't pretend to propose solutions but rather start constructive conversations.

Enjoy the Holiday Newsletter featuring what is happening in our neighborhood. The 2019/2020 activities include the exciting New Year's Eve Waterfront Ice Sculpture Stroll and the popular Boston Harbor Midnight Fireworks.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc Margulies". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional but personal style.

Marc Margulies
WDC President



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

INVITATIONS & HOLIDAY MESSAGES FROM AROUND THE WHARF DISTRICT

Boston Harbor Hotel

SECOND ANNUAL GINGERBREAD WORKSHOP

It's the most wonderful time of the year! The Boston Harbor Hotel invites guests near or far to the second-annual Gingerbread Workshop. Enjoy a festive day with the entire family decorating a homemade gingerbread house. Sip on delicious hot-chocolate from our specialty hot-chocolate bar accompanied by Gingerbread Martinis for the adults. Write a letter to the North Pole and end the afternoon with a special surprise as Santa makes his appearance on the Boston Harbor. Cash Bar and Candy Bar Available. Special boxes will be provided to take creations home!

Available December 22, 2019

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.

2:30-4:30PM | \$50 per person | \$60 including a glass of sparkling wine | For Reservations Call 617-856-7744

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER AT MERITAGE RESTAURANT + WINE BAR

Before you spend your Christmas Eve cozy around the fire, take part in an incredible evening with family, friends or both at Meritage Restaurant and Wine Bar.

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 | Cost: \$125 Four Course Menu | Children's Menu a la Carte for Children under 12



Boston Harbor Hotel continued

CHRISTMAS DAY GRAND BRUNCH

Spend your holiday with the Boston Harbor as your backdrop. Join us with your loved ones and enjoy everything from delicious seafood to specialty pancakes. Live Entertainment: Jazz Quartet

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 | 11AM-3PM

Cost: \$115 adults \$50 children under 12 years old.

Children under 3 years are complimentary | Menu: Brunch Buffet

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER AT MERITAGE RESTAURANT + WINE BAR

The most wonderful time of the year is in the air all around, but especially at Meritage Restaurant. Spend your holiday celebration with us and feel the Christmas spirit all around.

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 | Cost: \$125 Four Course Menu | Children's Menu a la Carte for Children under 12 | Menu: Four Course Menu Only

TOAST TO THE NEW YEAR AT THE ROWES WHARF BAR

Celebrate the New Year in style with a festive four-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.

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 | 9PM



NEW YEAR'S AT ROWES WHARF SEA GRILLE

Celebrate the new year by indulging in an evening filled with decadent food and crisp champagne. Not to mention, a Beyond Compare view of the fireworks.

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 | First Seating: 4:30-7:30PM | \$90 - 3 Course Menu | Second Seating: 8-10PM | \$125 - 4 Course Menu

NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH

Indulge after an evening out in our phenomenal brunch at the Rowes Wharf Sea Grille.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 | Available 10AM-3PM | \$70 per person





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:

MIEL BRASSERIE

Cozy up and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and cookies on Miel Brasserie terrace. Miel Brasserie is also serving dinner during Christmas Eve and Christmas day as well as New Year's Eve.

Wharf District Council members receive a complimentary non-alcoholic holiday beverage at Miel Brasserie, inform your server upon arrival!

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park

HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN COLUMBUS PARK

On November 25 Boston Mayor Martin Walsh was joined by Boston's Parks and Recreation Department and the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park in illuminating 260 feet of trellis with 50,000 blue lights for the annual holiday display.

Approximately 1,000 visitors attended the lighting ceremony, enjoying eggnog and hot chocolate while listening to children's choirs singing Christmas carols.

The illuminated trellis has been named one of the "Ten Most Romantic Places in Boston" and year 'round it is the site of marriage proposals, wedding photos and lovers kissing. Please come out to see the lights, it's free and open to the public!

Visit Christopher Columbus Park during the New Years Eve Sculpture Stroll to view their very first Ice Sculpture!





New England Aquarium

Every New England Aquarium ticket sold helps protect the blue planet. This holiday season, your ticket protects sea turtles. For more than 25 years, the New England Aquarium has helped rescue, rehabilitate, research, and release endangered and threatened sea turtles, including two of the three well-known sea turtles in the Aquarium—Carolina and Retread. In late fall and early winter, volunteers with Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary walk the beaches of Cape Cod, looking for stranded turtles. These volunteers save sea turtles from the cold and bring them to the Aquarium's Quincy Animal Care Facility for essential medical care.

In the past decade, the Aquarium has rehabilitated thousands of Kemp's ridley, green, and loggerhead sea turtles, and successfully released up to 85% of them. These numbers are especially significant considering Kemp's ridley sea turtles are the most endangered sea turtles in the world. In December, join us at the Aquarium to learn more about saving sea turtles:

SEA TURTLES IN THE AQUARIUM

Aquarium visitors enjoy turtle-themed activities and talks, learn more about our sea turtle rescue program, and discover ways to help sea turtles and keep our ocean healthy. Pick up a Saving Sea Turtles guide at the information desk.

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SAVING SEA TURTLES FILM SCREENING & Q+A

Saving Sea Turtles: Preventing Extinction tells the story of how humans pushed the Kemp's ridley sea turtle to the brink of extinction and how, with the help of organizations like the New England Aquarium, the species is slowly recovering. The Aquarium's Dr. Charles Innis, director of animal health, and Dr. Leigh Clayton, vice president of animal care, will answer questions after the screening.

Thursday, December 12, 7PM



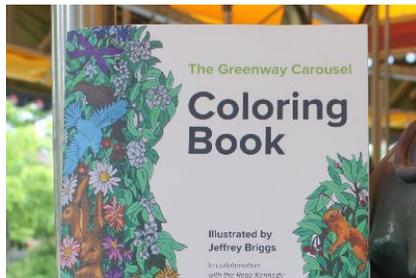
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GREENWAY WINTER MARKET

Debuting this season, Come support local artisans at the [Greenway Winter Market](#) curated by UpNext and find something special this holiday season inside heated Flexetail retail units!

December 3–20, 2019 | Dewey Square | weekdays 11AM–7PM



CAROUSEL COLORING BOOK

Bring your favorite carousel creature home with our Greenway Carousel Coloring Book! Between now and the end of December, purchase one coloring book online and receive two FREE carousel tickets for the 2020 season! Buy two coloring books online and receive five FREE tickets.



GREENWAY CAROUSEL

Celebrate the end of 2019 at the Greenway Carousel by ringing in the new year with a spin on your favorite carousel creatures!

December 20, 2019 – January 1, 2020 | 11AM–7PM

Marriott Long Wharf

A WHARF DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD HOTEL & RESTAURANT



During the Holidays say hello to our friendly doormen as you walk by, join us for lunch or dinner, or just stop in for appetizers and drinks while enjoying the views of the harbor and beautiful blue lights of the Christopher Columbus Park Trellis.

The Holidays are the perfect time to experience the contemporary luxury of the Boston Marriott Long Wharf, seamlessly integrated with the rich history of its surroundings. We are a 4-star hotel on the waterfront in Boston Harbor with the New England Aquarium next door and iconic attractions including Faneuil Hall Marketplace and the Freedom Trail just a short walk away.

Waterline, our harborfront restaurant, serves seasonal New England fare and offers terrific views of Long Wharf from oversized windows.

Our boardrooms and ballrooms offer exceptional settings for meetings and social events of nearly any size. The harbor comes to life at Boston Marriott Long Wharf - experience it for yourself.

New Year's Eve at the Waterfront



NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

DECEMBER 31 AT MIDNIGHT



City of Boston
Mayor Martin J. Walsh





NEW YEAR'S EVE ON THE WATERFRONT

SCULPTURE STROLL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 • 1PM - 4PM



Visit over a dozen fun and interactive ice sculptures across Boston's waterfront, then ring in the new year with a midnight fireworks display over Boston Harbor! [Learn more at bostonharbornow.org/NYE.](http://bostonharbornow.org/NYE)





BLINK!

A FREE Light & Sound Experience For The Holidays

DEC. 3 - JAN. 1
FaneuilHallMarketplace.com

Performances Every Half Hour
4:30 - 10 pm



Sponsored By:



Blink! LIGHT & SOUND SHOW

Blink!, the world-famous light and sound show, will return to deck the halls this holiday season at Faneuil Hall Marketplace. Blink! features the signature holiday tree at Marketplace Center joined by other trees and lights throughout the property. This year's Blink! show features six holiday favorites.



HOLIDAY CREATOR MARKET

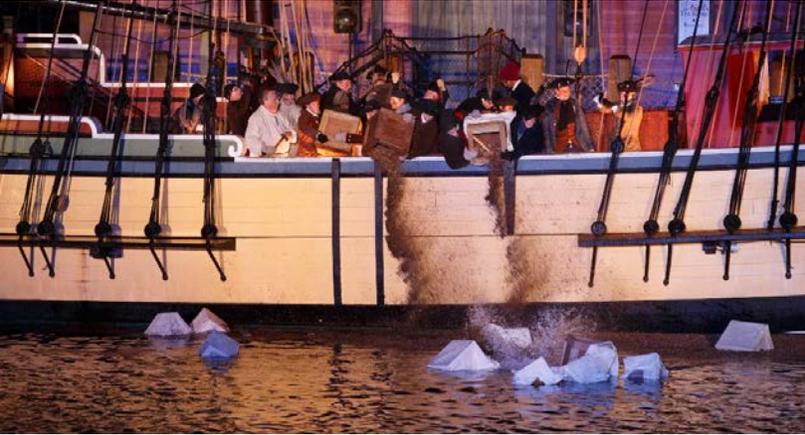
Your one-stop shop for groceries AND gifts this holiday season! Visit local artisan pop-ups for specialty foods, jewelry, artwork, and home goods.

Boston Public Market

This winter, we will host our third annual Holiday CREATOR Market, inviting more than 25 local artisans to pop-up and sell their specialty foods, jewelry, artwork, photography, and home goods alongside our year-round farmers, fishers, and food entrepreneurs. Pop-up artisans will be spread throughout the Market floor.

Open weekends now through Sunday, December 22 during the following hours: Fridays and Saturdays 10AM-8PM, Sundays 10AM-6PM.

Tea Party Museum



This year marks the 246th Anniversary of The Boston Tea Party!

On Monday, December 16, 2019 (the actual anniversary), Boston will be celebrating with one of the largest theatrical moving performances in the US from 6:30-8:30PM.

The public will experience one of America's most iconic public protests live where more than 100 reenactors from across New England bring to life the story of The Boston Tea Party and theatrically recreate the infamous evening of December, 16, 1773.

- **6:30PM.** "The Body of the People" Meeting begins inside of Old South Meeting House (ticketed event)

- **6:30PM** "Friends! Brethren! Countrymen!" (Free & outside Old South Meeting House) Join the crowds outside and hear from a Town Crier and the women of Colonial Boston as they discuss news of the tea crisis. (Outside performance; free to the public)
- **7:30PM** "Huzzah for Griffin's Wharf" Parade through the Financial District of Boston down to the Waterfront (free to the public).
- **8:00PM** "Destruction of the Tea" at Atlantic Wharf and the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum® (reserved seats for ticket holders plus free seating for the public).

For more information visit <https://www.december16.org/>.

Harborside Inn

Originally built in 1846 as a mercantile shipping warehouse on the Boston harbor, the Harborside Inn has been completely renovated to create a European style boutique hotel which features a hip cocktail lounge.

Here, a "classic modernism" design is accented with the latest high technology amenities to satisfy the most savvy business or leisure traveler. Located in the Wharf District, the Harborside is the ideal place for your out-of-town guests whether you are looking for lodging or for drinks and light dining.





Where to Eat on Christmas Day

In addition to the Boston Harbor Hotel, Marriott Hotel, and Intercontinental Hotel the following neighborhood restaurants will be open on Christmas Day.

SMITH & WOLLENSKY

Atlantic Wharf (294 Congress St)

HARD ROCK CAFE

(22 Clinton Street)

LEGAL SEAFOODS

Long Wharf (255 State Street)

FIN POINT

Hilton Boston (89 Broad Street)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS



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.



City of Boston
Mayor Martin J. Walsh



*Happy Holidays
Wharf District!*

-Rep. Aaron Michlewitz



*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!*

FROM COUNCILOR ED FLYNN AND FAMILY



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About Boston's Wharf District Council

WHO WE ARE

The Wharf District Council (WDC) is a non-profit neighborhood organization, recognized by the Mayor's Office and the City of Boston as representing the community on matters relating to planning, development, construction, programming events and transportation in the District

The membership is made up of residents, hotels, non-profit institutions, small businesses and A Better City, representing the major businesses in the District.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month and are open to the public.

WDC LEADERSHIP

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Marc Margulies, FAIA, LEED AP, President

Christopher Fincham, Treasurer

WDC MEMBERS

- A Better City
- Boston Harbor Cruises
- Boston Harbor Hotel
- Broadlux Condominiums
- Broad Street Boutique Realty
- The Chiofaro Company
- Folio Condominiums
- Harborside Inn
- Harbor Towers I Condominiums
- Harbor Towers II Condominiums
- The InterContinental Hotel
- InterContinental Residences
- Marriott Custom House
- Marriott Long Wharf Hotel
- MNM Restaurant Group
- New England Aquarium
- The Residences at Rowes Wharf