



Charlestown Resident Alliance News & Updates

Welcome to the Charlestown Resident Alliance (CRA) newsletter. We are excited to bring you news, events, and updates on our shared home!

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Lots of Fun on Family Day

Hundreds of residents came out to the annual Family Day celebration, held this year on August 25 at Barry Field near the Tobin Bridge. Attendees enjoyed games, a petting zoo, bounce houses, hot dogs, as well as the awarding of 620 backpacks to children for the upcoming school year.

The CRA would like to thank Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Boston Dream Center, and the Boston Housing Authority, as well as all the organizations tabling and donating for the event.



Meeting Discusses Plans for Redevelopment

The CRA and Boston Housing Authority (BHA) held a meeting for residents on September 5 to discuss the new redevelopment plans and the re-designation of Leggatt McCall and Corcoran Jennison as joint developers.

A full onsite replacement of all existing units is planned, with rents staying at current levels. For the vast majority of residents: You will not have to move out of your current apartment until your new apartment is complete, so you will only have to move down the street to your new building.

Residents will have the option to move offsite during construction to other BHA housing or Section 8 housing, and the right to return, but few if any will have to move, since the project is being done carefully in stages to minimize offsite relocation. To illustrate: The first building to be torn down in Phase 1 has 33 units, and it will be replaced by 160 units, which will then house the residents whose buildings will be torn down for Phase 2, and so on.

BHA Administrator Bill McGonagle said that both interior and exterior community spaces will be built, including two parks, and that all new units will have a sprinkler system and washer and dryer hookups.

Stay tuned, as more meetings are planned for this fall.



Board Update:

The CRA is proud to welcome Monique Nolberto as its newest board member, and to report that board member Phil Wright is doing much better after a series of health problems.



The CRA are your advocates and are liaisons between you and management. If you have any concerns or issues, like work orders that have been placed and not handled properly by management, or any issues that do not pertain to section 8, transfers, or final decisions for housing applications, please stop by 76 Monument St. or contact (617) 337-5123 and we can assist you.