

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER



TREE ADVOCATES DELAY PROJECT

Community advocates from outside the development are demanding the developer save more trees from being removed. The CRA supports the current plans for tree preservation and wants this project to move forward without further delay. This project is a model for environmental sustainability and the new trees will create a healthier and more diverse urban forest for residents than what is here today.

There are 340 trees at the Bunker Hill Development now. Over the course of the entire project, 89 of those trees will be preserved and over 500 new trees will be planted for a total of approximately 600 trees. The plans for Phase 1, shown in the images above, will preserve 9 of the existing trees.

The developer also plans on planting 57 new trees around Building F and 32 new trees around Building M. The BPDA has scheduled a public meeting on March 15th to discuss this issue. We urge all residents to attend the meeting and voice their opinions. Register for the meeting at bit.ly/BHHRTrees and heck our Facebook page: Charlestown Bunker Hill Development/CRA

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Do you want to help shape the future of Bunker Hill? The CRA is looking for members to join our Board of Directors. Send a message to Connor - 617-233-3973 or email cring@charlestownra.org to see how YOU can get involved.



CRA President Nancy Martinez and Vice President Tina Goodnow fill and label individual bags for more than 125 families.

CHRISTMAS TOYS BRING JOY!

For Christmas 2020, the CRA provided Christmas presents to over 275 children from the development. We focused our efforts on bridging the digital divide by providing school-age children with noise-cancelling headphones and computer mice. Thanks to the volunteers (especially Betsy, Carmen, and Rosa) and community partners (Toys for Tots, BHA) who made our annual toy giveaway a success.



CRA Secretary Karla Wert (left), volunteers Rosa and Betsy, Nancy Martinez, volunteer Carmen, and Tina Goodnow sign up residents for the toy giveaway.



CRA GOES TO HARVARD

On February 22, the CRA Board participated in a presentation to the Housing Law and Policy class at Harvard Law School. They joined representatives from the BHA, Leggatt McCall, and Corcoran Jennison. Nancy Martinez (first column, second row), Tina Goodnow (bottom right), Karla Wert (bottom right), and Phil Wright (top right) all shared their experiences in Bunker Hill and their hopes for the future project.

WHAT IS THE CRA?

The Charlestown Resident Alliance is the elected tenant organization of the Bunker Hill housing development. Our mission is to advocate for fair, equal, healthy, and affordable housing opportunities in our community. It is our duty to serve as liaison between residents, the Boston Housing Authority and other stakeholders that impact on our community.

Want to find out more? Tune in to our **Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday April 26th at 6pm on Zoom**. Check our Facebook page: Charlestown Bunker Hill Development/CRA for details on how to participate. We'll share updates from the redevelopment and listen to residents questions and concerns.



The CRA welcomes Community Engagement Coordinator Connor Ring.

Share your email address with CRA and be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a \$25 gift card. Fill this out, cut off along the line, and return it to CRA's office (76 Monument St) to be entered.

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