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We are delighted that you have joined the Charlestown Preservation Society. We thank you for your support and hope you get significant value from your membership. .

CPS 2017 Highlights

Mobile Walking Tour App. We were received one of the Wynn Mitigation Fund awards to begin developing a new Walking Tour Phone Application for Charlestown. We are very excited about this opportunity and will be keeping you posted on our progress.

Annual Meeting. On June 22nd, we held our Annual Meeting. We had an opportunity to share our current activities as well as share our vision for the future. The full presentation will be posted on our website shortly.

Marker Program 2017 Submissions. Last December, we met with our first round of interested Charlestown residents and members at the Library. We have revised the research process and the application form based on their feedback. The updated documents are on the website and submissions are due May 31, 2017.

OneCharlestown. This is the largest new project in the history of Charlestown and Boston. As you know it has raised numerous concerns among a variety of community groups. As the Preservation Society, we have kept actively engaged and recently submitted our concerns in a formal letter to the Mayor and the BDPA (old BRA). The issues are broad from density, to services and design. You received a copy from us in February. We also posted our position on our webpage. Please check it out.

Sullivan Square Redesign. The Preservation Society has been engaged with this issue since the first redesign proposed in 1996. We have stayed focused on this effort and have participated in all the meeting with the Dept. of Transportation and the designers. We still hope for an above ground solution and the Design Review Committee lead by Bill Lamb continues to work with the city towards this end. Our position paper is on our website.

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The 2016 Charlestown Historic House Tour. We held our biennial Historic House Tour on Saturday, September 24, 2016. We exceed the 2014 attendance and supporter revenue. More than 550 guests visited our historic houses. It was a fabulous success!!

Training Field Improvement Project. As you drive by you can see how wonderful the restored training field looks. Dead trees were removed, the soil resorted and upgraded walkways were redone and a wonderful historically accurate new fence was installed. The initial opening was on June 14th before the Bunker Hill Parade and subsequently by the Mayor in the fall.

New Committee: Protect Historic Charlestown (PHC) This committee is designed to focus initially on zoning issues to protect against the demolition of historic homes and secondly, on the potential of applying to become an Historic District. Our first task is to document the oldest homes in Charlestown. We began

that activity in May and we are in the process of developing a community useable database beginning with the 230 homes we surveyed. More to follow.

The Restoration of Memorial Hall: Memorial Hall also known as the Samuel Dexter House was built around 1792 and is one of our oldest buildings in Charlestown. In 2016, we worked with the Abraham Lincoln Post 11, Grand Army of the Republic, to develop a funding plan for restoring the Hall and finding new community uses for the building. The Friends of Memorial Hall was successful in securing its first major grant from the Henderson Foundation for \$40,000. This was a joint effort between the Friends of Memorial Hall, CPS and the Historic Society.

Thanks again for your support! We value your support to continue our mission. If you have any questions, please email us at info@charlestownpreservation.org.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen S. Kitzis, President

Our **mission** is to preserve Charlestown's historic character by working to: **Protect** historic architecture and landscapes **Educate** people about the unique character of our community **Advocate** for preservation **Guide** responsible development

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