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**COMMUNITY MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**UMass Boston Open House**

100 Morrissey Blvd.  
Boston, MA

Campus Center

Saturday, October 21st @  
8:30AM

For more information:  
Call 617.287.6000

[Visit UMass Website!](#)

**Ghosts of Liberty**

Experience the North End in a digital adventure from Urban Interactive!

October 13 - November 1st

Sun/Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat

6:00P - 7:00P

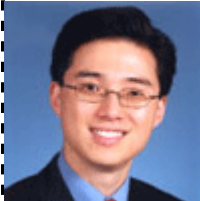
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**"Empowering People for**

**Weekly Update From Sam Yoon**

From the Office of City Councilor At-Large Sam Yoon

Week Ending October 21, 2006



Dear Sam,

The purpose of this e-mail update is to keep you informed of legislative issues at the City Council, current events, and community news.

Enjoy this issue and feel free to contact my office with questions or comments!

Sam Yoon



**Councilor Yoon Talks Faith and Politics**

*By Harry Harding*

Councilor Yoon was recently asked to speak at two prominent religious institutions, Park Street Church in downtown Boston

(pictured above) and the First, and Second Church of Boston in the Back Bay.

At Park Street Church, Councilor Yoon spoke freely to an audience of over 100 about his personal background, his Christian roots and the origin of his political aspirations. Furthermore, the Councilor was candid about how his faith and his politics coexist. After Councilor Yoon had completed his comments there was a vigorous Q&A session where the Councilor had the opportunity to speak with individual church members.

The First Church of Boston, a Unitarian congregation, also welcomed words from Councilor Yoon. Sharing the pulpit with Reverend Stephen Kendrick, the two men concluded a dialogue sermon before the mass of more than 100 members. The discussion included Councilor Yoon's thoughts about the religious roots in Boston, the emerging ideology of a "New Boston" as well as highlights from his work as a first-year city councilor.

## Positive Change"

Presented by Project R.I.G.H.T.

Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School

270 Columbia Rd, Dorchester

Friday, October 27 @ 6:00P

For more information:  
Call 617.541.5454 x100  
email:  
jmartinez@projectright.org

[Visit Project R.I.G.H.T.](#)

## Halloween Town

Seaport World Trade Center

10:00AM - 6:00PM

October 28th & 29th

Fun for all ages!  
For more information:  
Call 1.877.SEAPORT

## Emerging Asia: Silk Road Gala 2006

Sponsored by the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence

The Westin Copley Place Boston

6:00PM - 9:00PM

For more information:  
Call 617.338.2350  
email: asiandv@atask.org

[Asian Task Force Domestic Violence Website](#)

## 1st Annual Boston Area Lung Cancer Walk/Fun Run

Castle Island, Day Blvd in South Boston

November 11 @ 10:00AM

For more information:  
Call 773.281.LUNG  
email:  
info@bostonlungcancerwalk.com



## Councilor Yoon Files Resolution for the Review of Electronic Voting Machines

By Jacob Baker

On Wednesday, October 18 Councilor Yoon, aided by colleague Councilor Ross, filed a Resolution asking the Boston City Council to inquire into the potential use of Direct Recording Electronic Voting Machines.

Councilor Yoon was prompted to introduce this legislation after learning that computer scientists at Princeton University discovered a way to re-program new electronic machines, leading to lost votes and inaccurate totals.

Currently in Massachusetts, Optical Scan machines are used. Optical Scan machines operate using forms the voter completes by hand. The proposed Direct Recording machines receive data leaving no paper-trail or secure way to monitor the accuracy of the vote counts.

In the 2004 national election, 31% of the voters used the new Direct Recording machines while 40% still used the less vulnerable Optical Scan machines. With this resolution Councilor Yoon hopes to preserve the integrity of Boston's elector system.

To see the resolution, please click below.

[Electronic Voting Resolution](#)



## Councilor Yoon Visits Local 7 Ironworkers Union

By Jacob Baker

Last Tuesday Councilor Yoon had the opportunity to visit the Local 7 Ironworkers Union training facility in South Boston. During this visit, Councilor Yoon was able to meet with trainees who were working their way through the program. He also had the opportunity to see a welding class in action, learning the skills of the trade. Pictured in the photo is Councilor Yoon with Jim Brown, Business Manager of Local 7 with a gift presented to the Union

[For more info click here!](#)

#### Candidates' Public Debate

Calvary Vision Church  
550 E Township Line Road  
Blue Bell, PA 19422  
Tuesday, October 24  
7:30-10:00

[More Information](#)

by the welding class of 2003.



#### Constituent Services Spotlight

Helping constituents across the city with their needs, whether large or small, is one of the most important services my office performs. Representing all of the neighborhoods in the city of Boston is a welcome responsibility, but needless to say, exposes us to a vast amount of constituent requests.

On a weekly basis, the office receives dozens of calls from residents who need assistance for various issues: accessing city services, gathering housing and tenant information, and advocacy for development projects and licensing, public safety, capital improvements and so on.

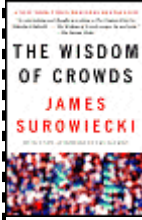
Periodically the newsletter will share some examples of casework the office is doing. This is intended to highlight day-to-day work and provide you with general ideas of how the office may be helpful to you and your community.

[Actual names have been changed to protect the constituents' privacy]

Ms. McBride, a resident of Brighton, contacted our office in late September after she was disturbed by noise from a rugby tournament taking place on field adjacent to her home.

Our office, with assistance from the Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing worked with a representative from the institution holding the tournament to reach a compromise that worked for both parties. In the end it was decided that the tournament would be moved to the back portion of the field to minimize the disturbance.

As follow-up, a representative from our office attended the recent Brighton Allston Improvement Association meeting to observe other concerns from area residents, including Ms. McBride.



From the Library of Councilor Yoon

From time to time Sam will recommend books and studies that he has been reading and discuss their impact on his work as a councilor.

I read this book prior to taking office in January of this year. It has shaped the way I think about democracy, collective action, and organizational behavior. The book shows that large groups of people have a kind of 'collective brain' that is sometimes smarter than the brain of any individual. This is an important framework for a lot of the work I do working with diverse groups of people to solve complex problems.

Questions for Sam about this book? Want to share your thoughts?

Contact Sam via email @ [Sam.Yoon@cityofboston.gov](mailto:Sam.Yoon@cityofboston.gov)

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#### NEWS YOU CAN USE: Housing Information [Homeowner and Homebuyer Programs](#)

As Chairperson of the City Council Housing Committee, Councilor Yoon would like to inform you of city and state programs available to homeowners and homebuyers.

In each newsletter, different programs will be highlighted for your convenience. Please contact our office if you would like more information on any of the programs below.

All handbooks and brochures are offered by the Department of Neighborhood Development free of charge.

1. The Boston HOME Center- Boston's one-stop homeownership information and referral center where people can learn about and register for homebuyer, homeowner and credit counseling classes and seminars. 617.635.HOME (4663) or visit [www.bostonhomecenter.com](http://www.bostonhomecenter.com)
2. Homeless and AIDS Housing - This program provides funding for housing and supportive services for the homeless, people with AIDS,

and at-risk populations. 617.635.0253

3. Lead Safe Boston - This program is designed to help qualified homeowners and investor-owners mitigate the effects of lead-based paints hazards in Boston's older housing stock. 617.635.0190
4. Senior Homeowner Services - SHOS enables income-eligible Bostonians 62 years and older to live in their homes safely and to make necessary repairs to their owner-occupied 1-4 family homes. 617.635.0338

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### Help Make Our Newsletter Better

This newsletter is intended as a resource for information for all of our city's communities. With Councilor Yoon, together we share the belief in a better Boston. In the future there will be an opportunity to subscribe to the Weekly Update From Sam Yoon. Watch for announcements!

If you would like to share information about an event or meeting in your community, please contact Harry Harding in our office via email or phone using the contact information below.

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phone: 617-635-4217

web: <http://www.cityofboston.gov/citycouncil>

#### Follow up Links

- [City Of Boston](#)
- [Community Event Search](#)
- [Boston Housing Authority](#)
- [My Neighborhood/My District](#)