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COMMUNITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

The City of Boston's Budget:

Where Our Money Comes From and How It is Spent

Charlestown Theatre

#442 Bunker Hill Street
Charlestown, MA

Wednesday, May 31, 2006
6:30PM

Hyde Park Municipal Building

1179 River Street
Hyde Park, MA

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

Elected Officials of Color Task Force for Community Safety

Town Meeting - Part Four

United House of Prayer
Corner of Seaver St. and Elm Hill Ave.

Weekly Update From Sam Yoon

From the Office of City Councilor At-Large
Sam Yoon

Week Ending May 27, 2006



Dear Reader,

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

As the series of budget talks wind down next month, I want to take an opportunity to acknowledge and thank the hundreds of community members who have been involved and, or participated in the neighborhood discussions.

I have learned through this process and will continue to share what I discover with interested residents of the city of Boston.

Enjoy this issue, which highlights future budget talks, my involvement in town meetings and upcoming hearing information.

As always, please take a moment to review community event postings and News You Can Use! Thanks for your time and readership.

Sam Yoon

Councilor Yoon Attends Series of Town Meetings

In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and supporting an effort to hear community concerns from actual residents and



business owners, Councilor Yoon engaged in a series of town meetings beginning in Chinatown at the Quincy School on May 15th (pictured above w/ Lydia Lowe, ED, Chinese Progressive Association).

Councilor Yoon attended the Allston-Brighton Town Meeting at the Jackson Mann Community Center on May 23rd and plans to attend another meeting in Dorchester

Wednesday, May 31, 2006
6:00P.M.

Sponsored by: Mass. Black Legislative Caucus Members, Team Unity Members, State Senator Dianne Wilkerson, Nation of Islam, NAACP and Spritual Representative Rev. Coultier

AWARE for All

Free Clinical Research Education & Awareness Day

Northeastern University
Student Curry Student Center

Saturday, June 3, 2006
9:00A.M. - 3:00P.M.

With Dr. Samuel Frank of the Boston University Medical Center

To register or learn more about AWARE for All call: 1.888.247.2773 or click on the link below!

[AWARE for All](#)

Homeownership Information Night & Community Meeting

Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center
1350 Tremont Street (Roxbury Crossing T-stop)

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

6:00P.M. - 7:00P.M.
Homeownership Information Tables

7:00P.M. - 8:00P.M.
Community Meeting

1st Annual Boston Soap Box Derby

Sponsored by the Osiris Group

Beantown Race Track

on June 5th at the Vietnamese Community Center.

These meetings serve as an opportunity for area residents to dialogue with Councilor Yoon about various issues; public works, community development, budget concerns and affordable housing are prevalent.

This series of Town Meetings is cosponsored by the Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation, Asian Pacific American Agenda Coalition, Boston Chinatown Resident Association, Chinese Progressive Association, The Chinatown Coalition, Viet-AID, Vietnamese American Civic Association, Vietnamese American Women's League of Massachusetts.



Councilor Yoon To Hold Public Hearing on Inclusionary Development Policy

Councilor Yoon, Chair of the Housing Committee, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday May 31st from 3 to 6 p.m.

regarding the city's inclusionary development policy.

Boston's current inclusionary development law says that if a developer needs city financing, is building on city land, or needs zoning relief, then the developer must set aside 15% of its units for affordable housing. (This applies only to projects of ten or more units.)

Given the importance of this policy, the hearing will allow the Councilor to hear perspectives from the city, tenant organizations, community development corporations, urban planners, private developers and the public at-large.

Councilor Yoon invites interested members of the public to attend. If you have questions about inclusionary zoning or this particular hearing please contact Councilor Yoon's office @ 617.635.4217 or via email: Sam.Yoon@cityofboston.gov

The Boston Commons

Father's Day
Sunday June 18, 2006

For more information contact
Race Director/President Larry
K. Van Zandt
617.361.5456

For more information click on
link below!

[All-American Soap Box
Derby](#)

Neponset Health Center Welcomes Councilor Yoon

Councilor Yoon (pictured
right w/ NHC staff) recently
visited the Neponset Health
Center in Dorchester,
enjoying an informative
presentation and tour of
the facility.



For more than 30 years, the Neponset Health Center has staked a commitment in quality healthcare for the community. As part of Harbor Health Services, Neponset Health Center offers access to a large network of provider organizations serving Dorchester and South Shore communities.

Councilor Yoon was impressed by the array of services provided by the Neponset Health Center. A comprehensive network of healthcare, NHC provides outstanding elder care, dental services, home and school-based behavioral health programs and day care.

Councilor Yoon also commends the organization and their efforts to improve the health status of uninsured Vietnamese adults and other low-income patients with help from a grant awarded by The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation.

For more information about the Neponset Health Center please contact the Business Inquiry Line: 617.282.3200, X237

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. Homebuying 102- A free two-hour session covers how condominium associations operate; finding and financing condominiums; and making an offer to purchase a condominium.
2. Homeowner 201- A three-session workshop that covers financial management, property maintenance, and landlord training for two- and three-family homeowners. Call 617-635-4663 or visit: www.bostonhomecenter.com for time, location, and reservation.
3. SoftSecond Basics- Program that combines a conventional first mortgage with a subsidized second mortgage to help qualified low and moderate-income families purchase their first home.
4. Homeless and AIDS Housing- This program provides funding for housing and supportive services for the homeless, people with AIDS and at-risk populations.

NEWS YOU CAN USE: Volunteers Needed To Play With Homeless Children

Horizons for Homeless Children is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing programs and services for homeless children throughout Greater Boston and Massachusetts.

Horizons for Homeless Children create environments in shelters called Playspaces to encourage learning, growth and development. Volunteers are needed, known as Playspace Activity Leaders (PALs) to play with homeless children living in family, teen parent and domestic violence programs.

There is a great and urgent need for additional volunteers to become involved. A 2-hour weekly commitment for 6 months is required. Please take part in this highly rewarding experience!

To apply or if you are interested in learning more about Horizons for Homeless Children call 617.287.1900 or 1.800.560.7702.

[Visit Horizons for Homeless Children Website!](#)

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.

Follow up Links

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

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