

**Columbia/Savin Hill
Civic Association**

**A Community
Organization Striving to
Serve Community People**
www.columbiasavinhillcivic.org

The Neighbors is the
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The Agenda –

December 3, 2007

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Public Safety Reports
4. UMass Boston Master Plan
5. St. William Church
Property Re-Use
6. Committee Reports
7. Old & New Business
8. Holiday Party

Editor's Note:

Thanks to Nora, Joe Chaisson,
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CSHCA – The Neighbors

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President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

It was very nice to see so many of you braving the weather at the polls on Election Day! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

This month's meeting should be a busy one. We will have a presentation on the current proposal for the St. William Church property on Dorchester Avenue. The St. William Property Re-use Committee has had several meetings over the last few months and has worked very hard with Viet-AID and the abutters. If you are interested in seeing what the plan is at this time, and weighing in on the concept, please attend this month's meeting.

I was unable to attend either of the UMass Boston public meetings regarding their Master Plan. However, I have heard from the few of you who were able to attend that each of the proposed plans incorporates dormitories. In the past the association has opposed dorms on the UMass/Boston Campus. At this month's meeting we will be having a brief discussion on this issue and possibly reaffirming our position based on the membership's current feeling on the issue.

We will be having a special raffle this month benefiting the CSHCA Beautification Committee. Priority Parking, Larry Baker, has generously donated two tickets to the December 16th football game between the 2007 AFC East Champion New England Patriots and the New York Jets at Gillette Stadium. Football Raffle tickets will be \$5 each.

After our official business is done we will be having our Annual Holiday Party. I encourage you to bring a holiday dessert to share with our fellow members. We will supply beverages, and paper goods. Please bring any necessary serving-ware and kindly label anything with nuts for those with food allergies. There will be holiday music and raffle items donated by local businesses.

I look forward to seeing all of you on December 3rd at 7 PM at the Little House. Please remember a non-perishable food item for the Little House Food Pantry!

-Deirdre

Upcoming Meetings

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| Regular Monthly Meeting: | Dec. 3, 2007 @ 7:00 PM
Little House, 275 East Cottage Street |
| Executive Board Meeting: | Dec. 10, 2007 @ 7:00 PM
McLaughlin Center of the Boys & Girls Club,
1135 Dorchester Avenue, 3rd Floor |
| Planning Committee Meeting: | Dec. 18, 2007 @ 6:30
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1135 Dorchester Avenue, 3rd Floor |
| Beautification Committee Meeting: | Dec. 13, 2007 @ 7:00 PM
Social Gathering
27 Sagamore Street |

CSHCA - The Neighbors

CSHCA Merchant Members

A Hohmann Oil Co., Inc.

1146 Dorchester Avenue

Alliance Auto Glass

902 Dorchester Avenue

Anna's Bakery, Inc.

1035 Dorchester Avenue

At Home Real Estate Group

109 Savin Hill Avenue

Avenue Auto Wholesales Inc.

1121 Dorchester Avenue

Avenue Liquors

82 Savin Hill Avenue

The Banshee Pub

934 Dorchester Avenue

Bayside Expo Center

200 Mt. Vernon Street

Best Liquors

1088-A Dorchester Avenue

The Boston Globe

135 Morrissey Boulevard

Boston Glass & Boarding

1068 Dorchester Avenue

C.F. Donovan's Restaurant

120 Savin Hill Avenue

Coleen's Flower Shop

912 Dorchester Avenue

Corcoran Jennison Mgmt.

150 Mt. Vernon Street

Creative Wrappings

22 Carson Street

dbar Restaurant

1236 Dorchester Avenue

Dorchester Ave Auto Repair

887 Dorchester Avenue

Dorchester Tire Service, Inc.

1160 Dorchester Avenue

Dorchester Market

951 Dorchester Avenue

Edens & Avant

21 Custom House, Boston

Gately Insurance Co.

983-A Dorchester Avenue

Gibson-Sotheby's

119 Savin Hill Avenue

Harborpoint Liquors

45 Morrissey Boulevard

Harp & Bard Restaurant

1099 Dorchester Avenue

Neighborhood Announcements:

CHILD CARE

We offer **FREE** childcare at general CSHCA Meetings for our members and guests. Bring along any personal items your child may need. Do come a few minutes early for your child to settle in.

BLESSED MOTHER THERESA PARISH NEWS

The Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Sun., Dec. 2, in the school hall, 100 Savin Hill Avenue. Crafters are asked to donate their items. The parish seeks to collect 2,500 toys before Dec. 15th. Bring new and unwrapped toys to Santa's bag at the back of the church. You may also give a monetary donation (check memo marked "toys") and religious ed. volunteers will do the gift shopping. "*Messiah Sunday*," with sacred holiday music, will be held on Sun., Dec. 9th at 11 AM. Mass. Brunch will follow in Dunn Hall.

SAVE THE HARBOR SAVE THE BAY

This winter *Save the Harbor-Save the Bay* will be introducing a grant opportunity for communities along the Massachusetts shoreline to introduce programming at neighborhood beaches next summer. Paul Nutting and *Friends of Savin Hill Shores* will be organizing our grant application and developing what our proposed programming will be. Please see either Paul Nutting or Deirdre Habershaw if you are interested. More information will be forthcoming.

The Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association

Beautification Committee

Committee Report

December 2007

Our December meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 PM, 27 Sagamore Street. In lieu of a meeting we will celebrate the holiday with a social gathering. Beautification Committee members and anyone wishing to become a member are invited.

Holiday Wreath Sale & Tree Lighting

The 4th Annual Holiday Wreath sale & Tree Lighting Ceremony was a smashing success! Thanks to everyone who helped hand craft the beautiful bows (good job everyone!), particularly Caroline Cappuccio, Joe Costa, Carol & Joe Chaisson, Elizabeth Doyle, Paul Nutting, Mary Knasas, Allison Hanrahan & Mary Ungerman, Richard Brunson and our newest members Heather Harris & John Zizza. Thanks also to Mayor Thomas M. Menino, the Dorchester Celebrations Committee, Coleen's Flower Shop, Arthur Donovan of C.F. Donovan's and Lee Myles Transmission for their support.

Holiday Wreaths on the Avenues

The official hanging of Holiday Wreaths on Avenues (Dorchester & Savin Hill) will take place on Monday, December 3rd. Since we are lacking resources to continue this project, we have reached out to our merchant members for their support by asking them to contribute \$25 towards our wreath hanging effort. Many thanks to Mayor Thomas M. Menino, Representative Martin Walsh, Senator Jack Hart and Council President Maureen Feeney, our supporting merchants Coleen's Flower Shop and Lee Myles Transmission for providing their support of this effort.

Best wishes to all for a safe, happy & healthy holiday season!

CSHCA Merchant Members

Lamberts Fitness Center

735 Morrissey Boulevard

Law Office of Vy Truong

1157 Dorchester Avenue

Lee Myles Transmission

1110 Dorchester Avenue

Lee's Store & Bakery

982 Dorchester Avenue

McKenna's Café

113 Savin Hill Avenue

Murphy Funeral Home

1020 Dorchester Avenue

Nash's Pub

1154 Dorchester Avenue

NEALCO Environmental Svcs

5 Caspian Way

Olde Towne Real Estate Co.

862 Dorchester Avenue

P. Gioioso & Sons Construction

50 Sprague St, Hyde Park

Phu Cuong Market

1051 Dorchester Avenue

Restaurante Laura

688 Columbia Road

Savin Hill Suds/

Kennedy Cleaners

119 Savin Hill Avenue

Savin Hill Variety

110 Savin Hill Avenue

Savin Hill Yoga

11 Pearl Street

Shanti Restaurant

1111 Dorchester Avenue

SPIRE Printing

65 Bay Street

Stylus Salon

107 Savin Hill Avenue

Tom's Barber Shop

1000 Dorchester Avenue

Venice Pizza

39 Savin Hill Avenue

Victorian Realty

1859 Dorchester Avenue

Vina Realty/MSCTravel

988 Dorchester Avenue

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

In the attempt to conserve paper and other resources, the e-board has decided to give members the option of receiving their newsletter electronically. We had over 30 people elect to receive their newsletter via e-mail. Thank you for your consideration of the planet, as well as your fellow members who slave over every monthly mailing! If you are interested in receiving the newsletter exclusively through e-mail, please e-mail me at

president@columbiasavinhillcivic.org

NEWSLETTER REQUEST

Individual(s), students or an organization are needed to help copy/print our monthly newsletter, "The Neighbors". If you, or others, are up for the task please contact John Anderson, or any Executive Board member.

FRIENDS OF EDWARD EVERETT SQUARE

The next meeting of the *Friends of Edward Everett Square* will be December 11th at 6:30 PM at the Clapp House, 195 Boston Street. If you are interested in joining this group, please attend this meeting.

NEWS FROM STATION C-11

You may call the Community Service Office at 617-343-4524 with any problems. Senior citizens may call a new non-emergency line for seniors at Area C: 617-343-5649.

The following message is from Officer Mike Keaney of the Community Service Office at C-11: The C-11 Christmas party for disadvantaged children will take place Dec. 14th, at the Vietnamese/American Center at 42 Charles Street. This is for kids ages 3 to 9 years from the C-11 area and thus it is by invitation only to ensure that our kids are taken care of, so if you know of any families that are struggling with young children, please let us know. Now, in order to pay for this large, yearly extravaganza, we rely on donations from Dorchester's citizens, politicians, civic groups and businesses to donate money, new, unwrapped, unopened gifts or food goodies. Dorchester, you always come through for us and we're asking for your help again. Thank you so much. Any other businesses with local ties willing to help out? Let's hope so, thanks again, in advance.

COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN

Play Groups for children 1 to 3 years at: the Kenny School, Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, Tuesdays from 4 to 6 PM, and Thursdays from 4 to 6 PM, at the Lee School, Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:30 PM, and Fridays from 10 AM to noon; and at the Holmes School, Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, and Thursdays from 10 AM to noon. Call 617-635-9656 for more information.

DORCHESTER MULTI-SERVICE CENTER

DotWell is offering Mommy/Daddy & Me fitness classes at the Dorchester Multi-Service Center, 1353 Dorchester Ave., on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:30 AM, and Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 AM, in the gym, for children two years and older. On Tuesdays, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM, there will be a "water babies" class for children six months to 2.9 years. For further info. call: 617-740-2235.

CUB SCOUTS – Pack 28

Boys, first through fifth grade, are invited to join Cub Scouting. Meetings are held each Wednesday at 7 PM at the J. Rice VFW Post (second floor) on Romsey Street. For Cub Scouting info. call: 617-328-4066.

LITTLE HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

Quite often during the winter months we forget to care for the homeless members of our community. Hunger is a year round problem. Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item personal hygiene or household cleaning product to our general meeting.

CSHCA 2008 New/ Renewal Membership

Check us out on the Web:
www.columbiasavinhillcivic.org

Individual Membership: \$5

Our membership list, mailing addresses and Email information is **Not** publicized – It is used for official CSHCA business only.

Merchant Sponsor: \$25 (non-voting membership)

Merchant Members will be listed each month in our newsletter and on our web page. Funds will be used towards neighborhood improvement projects and activities.

Please make checks payable to “**CSHCA**” and mail to:

Nora McDonnell, Treasurer 7 Buttonwood Court, Dorchester, MA 02125

(*or* make a payment with check or cash at our general meeting)

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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December 2007
FIRST CLASS

