

**Columbia/Savin Hill
Civic Association**

**A Community
Organization Striving to
Serve Community People**
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**The Agenda –
February 4, 2008**

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Treasurer's Report**
- 3. Public Safety Reports**
- 4. Columbia Point Master
Plan**
- 5. Committee Reports**
- 6. Old & New Business**
- 7. 50/50 Raffle**

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CSHCA – The Neighbors

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President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

At this month's meeting we will be doing something a little bit different. We do not have any specific planning items to address this month, so we will be having an open discussion on the Master Plan for Columbia Point that will be going on for the next several months. We are fortunate to have a number of representatives from our community appointed to the Master Plan Task Force, including Bill Cotter, Matt Gordy, Paul Nutting, and Don Walsh. This discussion will serve as an information gathering session for our representatives so that once the task force meets they have some reference point for how our membership feels the master plan should come together. Please come to the meeting prepared with, not only your concerns for how the proposed development could negatively effect our community, but also aspects of the point that you hope will be preserved, and desires that you may have for development that could benefit our community.

As I am sure you have unfortunately heard, there was a fatal stabbing in an apartment on Tuttle Street in January. My deepest sympathy's go out to the victim's family, as well as the resident of the apartment, and the property owner. I would like to say, especially to those of you that may be new to the area, that this is not a frequent occurrence, and is quite out of the ordinary. A crime of this kind can happen anywhere. It just so happens that this time it tragically occurred in one of our homes. All we can hope is that the Boston Police will find the criminal and that something like this will never happen in our neighborhood again. If you are interested in joining or starting a crime watch in our area, please contact the Neighborhood Crime Watch Unit of the Boston Police Department at 617-343-4345.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the 4th at 7 PM at the Little House!

-Deirdre

WHOLE FOODS & TRADER JOE'S

It seems that every time we have a large retail development proposed in the neighborhood it is one of the same uses that we see all the time, and some one in the group always asks "Why can't this be a Whole Foods, or a Trader Joes?" Well, maybe Whole Foods Market and Trader Joes don't know there is such a demand for their stores in our area. We have found the following information for you to contact both stores and request a location in our area. Let's be proactive and tell them we want them to come to Dorchester!
Whole Foods: newstore.requests@wholefoods.com
Trader Joes: http://www.traderjoes.com/location_requests_form.aspx

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We will be forming the nominations committee at the March meeting. If you are interested in being on the nominations committee, please let me know before the March meeting. (Being a member of the nominations committee excludes you from running for an elected position.) Please consider running for one of the officer positions. Nora McDonnell has already announced that she does not wish to seek re-election. Maureen McQuillen is considering running for treasurer and leaving her post as recording secretary, and the post for corresponding secretary is still vacant. Nominations will be officially made in April.

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:

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.

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.

The Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association

Beautification Committee

Committee Report

February 2008

The next Beautification Committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 21st @ 7:00 PM, 27 Sagamore Street.** *All are welcome to attend!*

Contact us at: beautifydot@gmail.com

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following schedule of activities has been set for 2008. We are in desperate need of help for the Neighborhood Yard Sale. If you are able to chair this effort please contact Anne Riley. Unfortunately, if we do not identify a chair, we may have to forfeit this event this year. Contact Anne Riley for more details.

Neighborhood Yard Sale – Saturday, May 16th

Plant & Bake Sale – Saturday, May 31st

4th Annual Curb Appeal Contest – Spring & Summer

Curb Appeal Awards Ceremony – Monday, Sept 9th.

Holiday Wreath Sale – Saturday, November 29th

We are exploring the possibility of hosting a “*Community Festival*”. Paul Nutting & Maureen McQuillen are reviewing grant opportunities. Stay tuned.

All dates and events are subject to change.

2008 Campaign – “Keep our Neighborhood Clean”

This year we will initiate a “Keep our Neighborhood Clean” campaign. The campaign will run throughout the year. Details still need to be finalized. Stay tuned for more

We welcome ideas and recommendations. Also, please submit your thoughts on a catch phrase/title for this effort. Please email your ideas to Anne @ beautifydot@gmail.com.

Updates to Website

Thanks for Jim Castiola for posting the Beautification Committee updates on the Association’s web page. Please take a few minutes to see our updates and additions. Updates include, mission statement, 2008 schedule of meetings, 2008 schedule of events, and committee membership list.

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

Judge Leo Lydon Memorial Clock – Update

Our clock is nearing completion and will be shipped shortly. The delay has been due to some challenges with regard to the installation up at the station. We are working with elected officials, who we hope will be able to help us resolve the issues. We are in the process of confirming the wording and will order bricks within the next couple of weeks. Our plan is to have installation of bricks and clock in the Spring with a dedication ceremony in early Summer. More details to follow as they become available.

Merchant Member Program

We have almost 40 merchant members. At this point only ten have renewed their membership for 2008. Please consider renewing your membership as the fee is used to subsidize events sponsored by the Beautification Committee. The merchant membership list will be updated with current members only listed in the March 2008 CSHCA newsletter. If you haven't done so already, please send in your \$25 fee as soon as possible. A renewal membership form can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks to all who support our community efforts. It is very much appreciated!

Contact beautifydot@gmail.com for more information.

Happy Valentine's Day !

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 Submission Deadline

We have set **February 25th** as the deadline for the March edition of our CSHCA newsletter, *The Neighbors*. Please forward any submissions to us by that time. Forwarding earlier than the 25th would be most appreciated. Thanks.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Executive Board Meeting: To Be Announced

Planning Board Meeting: February 12th at 7 PM
McLaughlin Center, 3rd floor
Boys and Girls Club
1135 Dorchester Avenue

Beautification Committee Meeting: February 21st at 7 PM
27 Sagamore Street
All are welcome!

February is Black History Month.
Check out local listings for events in our area!

CSHCA 2008 New/ Renewal Membership Application

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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February 2008
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