

Columbia/Savin Hill Civic Association

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 Serve Community People**
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The Neighbors is the Newsletter of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association. All opinions in **The Neighbors** expressed are the personal views of the individual writer. They do not necessarily reflect the views of the CSHCA, its officers, & its membership.

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Meeting Agenda

May 5, 2008

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Public Safety Reports
4. City Dept's Presentation on Neighborhood Cleanliness
5. Committee Reports
6. Election of Officers
7. Old & New Business
8. 50/50 Raffle

Editor's Note:

Thanks to Nora, Joe, Dianna John, Anne, Savin Hill Apts., Corcoran Jennison and UMass for the newsletter help!

CSHCA – The Neighbors

President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that everyone was able to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather we had during the month of April. It was nice to see so many people out and about enjoying our fabulous neighborhood. Thank you so much to all of the volunteers that devoted their Saturday to beautifying our neighborhood for Boston Shines. Unfortunately, I was not able to participate this year, but I heard from Lauren Smyth that the turnout in Savin Hill was phenomenal. I am grateful to Anne Riley, Bill Walczak, Chris O'Neil, Joe Chaisson, Paul Nutting and Michael Christopher for organizing all of the volunteers throughout the neighborhood. Hopefully the great weather will continue into the month of May because we have a lot of great outdoor events coming up this month including the revival of the Neighborhood Yard Sale and the Plant and Bake Sale.

This month we will have our election of officers. We are still accepting nominations, and will continue to do so up until voting at the meeting. At this time we do not have a candidate to take over the treasurer responsibilities from Nora. I would strongly urge you to consider the position. Nora has been doing a fabulous job keeping our finances and membership info in order, which is a very important component of keeping the association going. Being an officer is a great way of staying informed on what is going on in the area and allows you the opportunity to participate shaping the organization and prioritizing our objectives. If these are things you are interested in, I encourage you to nominate yourself for treasurer or consider joining the Executive Board, which is also accepting new members. I can ensure you that there will be plenty of help from the other officers and Executive Board members in getting you started in either of these roles if you chose to accept one.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Monday, May 5th @ 7 PM at the Little House.

-Deirdre.

Upcoming Meetings

Regular Monthly Meeting:	May 5, 2008 @ 7:00 PM Little House, 275 East Cottage Street
Executive Board Meeting:	May 12, 2008 @ 7:00 PM Location: TBA
Planning Committee Meeting:	May 13, 2008 @ 7:00 PM McLaughlin Center
Beautification Committee Meeting:	Thursday, May 8th @ 7:00 PM 27 Sagamore Street <i>All Are Welcome!</i>

MERCHANT MEMBERS

A Hohmann Oil Co., Inc.
1146 Dorchester Avenue

At Home Real Estate
109 Savin Hill Avenue

A.R. Shuris & Sons, Inc.
1245 Dorchester Avenue

Avenue Auto Wholesalers
1121 Dorchester Avenue

Avenue Barber Shop
929 Dorchester Avenue

The Banshee Pub
934 Dorchester Avenue

Coleen's Flower Shop
912 Dorchester Avenue

Dorchester Market
951 Dorchester Avenue

Dorchester Tire Service
1160 Dorchester Avenue

Gatley Insurance Co.
983A Dorchester Avenue

Kennedy Cleaners
117 Savin Hill Avenue

Lee's Store & Bakery
982 Dorchester Avenue

McKenna's Café
113 Savin Hill Avenue

MTV Hair & Nail Salon
107-B Savin Hill Avenue

Murphy Funeral Home
1020 Dorchester Avenue

Nealco Environmental
5 Caspian Way

Attention Red Sox Fans!

Larry Baker from Priority Parking (Thanks Larry!) has graciously donated two tickets to the June 5th Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay Game. Raffle tickets will be sold during the month of May; drawing will be held at June 2nd General Membership Meeting.

3 Tickets for \$5 – 7 tickets for \$10

Proceeds will go to the Beautification Committee Fund for neighborhood betterment activities.

The Next Beautification Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 8 @ 7:00 p.m., 27 Sagamore Street

All are welcome to attend!

Contact us at: beautifydot@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Neighborhood Yard Sale

Saturday May 17th 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Plant & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 31st 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Curb Appeal Contest

Submission/nomination Deadline July 12th

Dorchester Beach Festival

Saturday, August 16th (see next page)

Get all the information on upcoming events at

www.columbiasavinhillcivic.org

Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

Spring 2008 Collection Dates: April 21st - May 23rd

Put barrels and bags of yard waste, along with bundled branches, on the curb by 7:00 AM on your Recycling Day. Place leaves and yard debris in large paper leaf bags or open barrels labeled "yard waste." Do not put yard waste in plastic bags. Tie branches with string, 3' maximum length. Do not put branches in barrels. Yard Waste stickers for barrels (one sticker per barrel) are available by calling 617-635-4959.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days

June 14, 2007 9 AM – 2 PM UMass Harbor Campus, Morrissey Boulevard

INSTRUCTIONS: Put household poisons, insecticides, paint, tires, auto fluids, car batteries, wood preservatives, herbicides and pool supplies, propane tanks, motor oil, and products labeled corrosive, flammable or toxic in cardboard boxes for safe transport and bring them to the above location. Bring proof of Boston residency.

Recycle Your Unwanted TV and Computer Monitors

Please call: 617-635-7574 for home pickup of TVs and computer monitors. Or, make your request by emailing trashtvcrt@cityofboston.gov.

UMass – Public Meeting

May 7th, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Campus Center Ballroom Meeting to update you on the Master planning process at UMass, 100 Morrissey Boulevard.

Parking: North Lot. Info: www.umb.edu/strategic_plan

All are welcome to attend.

Columbia Point Master Plan Public Meetings – May 15th @ 7 PM,

270 Mount Vernon Street. Agenda - To discuss the status of development on the Point and Morrissey Boulevard. A second public meeting will be held on June 14th at BC High to gather public comment. More info to follow.

Shanti Restaurant

1111 Dorchester Avenue

Tom's Barber Shop

1000 Dorchester Avenue

Vina Realty/MSA Travel

988 Dorchester Avenue

Bay Cove Human Services

105 Victory Road

This column is dedicated to listing CSHCA Merchant Members who support our efforts. Please remember to support them by shopping in their stores, utilizing their services and eating in their restaurants!

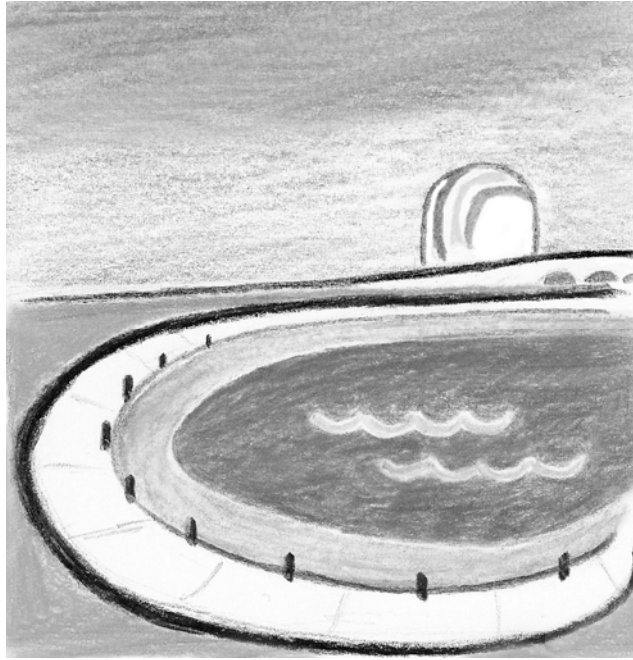
MERCHANT MEMBERSHIP:

Consider a CSHCA Merchant Membership
Annual fee is \$25.

Funds go to support local initiatives of the Beautification Committee. By enrolling, merchants get monthly exposure to over 350 membership households, community groups and friends of our association.

IN ORDER FOR US TO BE SUCCESSFUL WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!

DORCHESTER BEACH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE UNVEILS ARTWORK



The Friends of Savin Hill Shores and the CSHCA's Beautification Committee will co-host the First Annual 'Dorchester Beach Festival' on Saturday, 8/16/08 at Savin Hill & Malibu Beaches. The event's signature artwork was created by a local Savin Hill artist that wishes to remain anonymous. The artwork poetically captures the event site. The color version is magnificent! Event details and updates will be posted on the soon-to-be-launched website.

Inquiries may be made to dorchesterbeachfestival@live.com. Activities include sidewalk chalk and kite decorating contests, natural history scavenger hunt, kayaking and canoeing, health and wellness exhibits, recycling, conservation, historical and ecological information. Giveaways, contests, something for everyone! **'Sea you down the beach!'**

Interim House Fundraiser – Bookreading and awards dinner.

Florian Hall, 55 Hallett Street. Dorchester. May 29th 6:30 PM. Cost \$50. Call 617-265-8444 or go to: www.ashmontrecords.com/raisetherooft for more information or tix.

Dorchester Day Parade Committee – Upcoming Events

May 15th - Thursday: **Senior Luncheon** – NC -12 Noon @ Kennedy Library
Applications at the May CSHCA Meeting.

May 30th - Friday : **Chief Marshal Banquet** – \$ 30 – 7 PM @ Florian Hall

June 1st - Sunday: **DORCHESTER DAY PARADE** Starting @ 1 PM – Lower Mills
For more information call: 617-287-0085

Free Child Care @ General Membership Meetings

We offer **FREE** child care at all 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.

50/50 Raffle

A 50/50 Raffle is held at each monthly general meeting. \$1 for 1 ticket and \$2 for 3.

Electronic Newsletter

In the attempt to conserve paper and other resources, we give members the option of receiving their newsletter electronically. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter exclusively through e-mail, contact: president@columbiasavinhillcivic.org or sign up at the general membership meeting.

Little House Food Pantry

Don't forget to bring to the general membership meeting a non-perishable food item, personal hygiene or cleaning product to support the Little House Food Pantry.

Many Thanks!

Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association Membership Renewal Form

Individual Membership: \$5 per calendar year

Merchant Membership: \$25 per calendar year (non-voting membership)

Benefits of merchant membership includes the listing of your business in the monthly newsletter and posting on the Association's web page. Funds will be used towards neighborhood betterment activities.

Please make checks payable to "CSHCA" and mail to:
Nora McDonnell, Treasurer, 7 Buttonwood Court, Dorchester, MA 02125

Type of Membership (circle one): Individual Merchant

Name: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Business Address (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Do you wish to receive your newsletter electronically rather than through the mail: _____ YES _____ NO

Note: Our membership list, mailing addresses and email information is used for official CSHCA business only.

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