

Columbia/Savin Hill Civic Association

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Meeting Agenda

December 1, 2008

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Public Safety Reports
4. Committee Reports
5. Old & New Business
6. Holiday Party & Raffle

Editor's Note:

Thanks to Joe Chaisson &
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CSHCA – The Neighbors

President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

You may not be aware that in addition to my duties as president and my fulltime job, I am a graduate student at Boston University pursuing a degree in Urban Planning. As you may imagine my schedule involves juggling a number of different commitments during a given week. I have been able to do this rather successfully for the past two years by enrolling in classes that do not meet on Monday nights. Unfortunately, this has caught up with me, as I eventually knew that it would, and I am required to enroll in a class starting in January that meets on Monday night. The members of the Executive Board have agreed to move the Executive Board meeting to the second Tuesday of the month starting in February. I will attend the monthly meeting when it is most necessary, otherwise meetings in the future months (February, March, and April) will be run by Bobby O'Sullivan or Maureen McQuillen. I really appreciate the willingness of the Executive Board to accommodate my schedule, especially Maureen and Bobby.

At the December meeting we will be having our annual holiday party. If you are interested in bringing a baked good please let me know. Just make sure to label what it is and its basic ingredients for members with food allergies. We will also be having raffles of items that are donated by local merchants.

I look forward to seeing you at the Little House on Monday, December 1st at 7 PM.

-Deirdre

Upcoming Meetings

Monthly General Meeting:	December 1, 2008 @ 7:00 PM Little House, 275 East Cottage Street
Executive Board Meeting:	December 8, 2008 @ 6:30 PM McLaughlin Center
Planning Committee Meeting:	December 8, 2008 (following E-Board) McLaughlin Center
Beautification Committee Meeting:	December 11, 2008 @ 7:00 PM 77 Auckland St. -The Chaissons' Committee Holiday Party

MERCHANT MEMBERS

A Hohmann Oil Co., Inc.
1146 Dorchester Avenue

Alliance Auto Glass
902 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

Beautification Committee's Holiday Events



Members of the Beautification Committee of the Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association have been busy crafting handmade bows to adorn the balsam wreaths to be sold at its Sixth Annual Holiday Wreath Sale. The committee invites fellow residents and business owners to kick-off their Holiday Season by joining friends and neighbors at Ryan Playground on Saturday, November 29th at 4:00 pm for their wreath sale. Each year the wreath sale is held in conjunction with the Dorchester's Holiday Celebration Committee's tree lighting trolley tour through the villages of Dorchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus, the 'Mayor of Dorchester', 'Miss Dorchester' and several elected officials and community leaders ride along Dorchester Avenue visiting the various Dorchester Villages. At each stop, Mayor Thomas Menino and Santa Claus 'throw the switch' to illuminate that community's fresh cut Christmas tree.

The Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association in conjunction with the Holiday Celebration Committee provides hot chocolate and snacks for the public and small gift bags for neighborhood children. The Beautification Committee will sell their fresh wreaths with handcrafted bows for \$20.00 each beginning at 4:00 pm. The choir and members of Pastor Samuel Bulgin's Waymark Seventh-Day Adventist Church will sing Christmas Carols beginning at 4:30 pm. Santa Claus, Mayor Menino and other dignitaries arrive at 5:00 pm to light the tree and distribute the goodie bags to children.

The Beautification Committee continues its quest to beautify the neighborhood and demonstrate holiday spirit by once again installing fresh wreaths with velvet bows on 72 of the light poles along Dorchester and Savin Hill Avenues. In years past as a gift to its neighborhood, the CSHCA Beautification Committee and a few generous benefactors provided the funding for this endeavor. Together with committee members, a local company volunteered its staff and equipment to place the wreaths on the street light fixtures. However, "this year the costs of wreaths, bows, and fasteners exceed the monies raised by our committee", laments Wreath Chairman and Beautification Committee Treasurer Joe Costa. Some area merchants and elected officials have heeded the committee's solicitation drive and are 'adopting a pole' to help underwrite the project and thus brighten the Avenues this Holiday Season.

Please gather your friends and neighbors and make your way to Ryan Playground on Dorchester Avenue on Saturday, November 29th at 4:00pm for our annual wreath sale and tree lighting.

Special thanks to: Rep. Martin Walsh, Council President Maureen Feeney, Sullivan & McLaughlin Electrical Company, members of the Beautification Committee, particularly, Mary Ungerman, Joe Costa, Carol and Mary Knasas, Caroline Cappuccio and Alison Hanrahan. **Happy Holidays !**

Shanti Restaurant
1111 Dorchester Avenue

Tom's Barber Shop
1000 Dorchester Avenue

Venice Pizza
39 Savin Hill Avenue

Vina Realty/MSA Travel
988 Dorchester Avenue

Bay Cove Human Services
105 Victory Road

Just-in-Boston
5 Savin Hill Avenue

Lee Myles Transmission
1110 Dorchester Avenue

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!

Columbia Point Master Plan Task Force

The next meeting of the Task Force will be held on Thursday, December 4th 5 PM at BC High. All are invited and welcome to attend!

Don Walsh

Boston Police Department – Area C Toys for Kids Collection

Area C is collecting *unwrapped* toys/gifts for the police stations' "Annual Christmas Party". These gifts will be given out to the children of our neighborhoods that are in dire need this holiday season. Please bring a toy/gift to our December CSHCA General Meeting and give to the Community Service Officer in attendance. You may also drop off your donation at the Area C-11 Police Station located at 40 Gibson Street (down the street from the library in Fields Corner). Many thanks in advance!

Friends of Edward Everett Square

Alert – On November 1st a raking bandit made off with flower bed mulch. Valley Crest, the planting contractor, replenished what was stolen for free. In the future, it will be at a cost. Keep your eyes open and call 911 if you see any suspicious activity in and about the EE Square. John McColgan

Free Child Care @ General Membership Meetings

We offer **FREE** childcare 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. We, as an association, greatly appreciate the caregivers provided to us by Little House over the course of the year!

Free Raffle vs. 50/50 12/1/08

A 50/50 Raffle will not be held at the December 1st meeting. We will be raffling off items generously donated by local merchants and institutions. Thanks in advance to those merchants and institutions who have contributed to the raffle festivities.

Good Luck!

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.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR CSHCA MEMBERSHIP

Most of our memberships will be expiring at the end of this year. Be ahead of the game and mail-in your membership renewal today by mail or by renewing at our general membership meeting. See Daniel Brennan at the check-in desk.

Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association Membership Renewal Form

Individual Membership: **\$5 each per calendar year (voting membership)**

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:

Daniel Brennan, Treasurer, 43 Buttonwood St., #3 Dorchester, MA 02125

Type of Membership (circle one): *Individual* *Merchant*

Name (s) : _____

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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Holiday Greetings!
December 2008
FIRST CLASS

