

**Columbia/Savin Hill
Civic Association**

**A Community
Organization Striving to
Serve Community People**
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CSHCA – The Neighbors

President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

I was very sorry to miss what sounded like a great meeting last month. Thank you so much to those that made the meeting a great success. Especially, Mayor Menino, Representative Walsh, Councilors Feeney and Connolly as well as our officers and Executive Board members who helped in the planning and coordination in my absence.

We have another action packed agenda for the March meeting. Councilor Feeney will be addressing the group. The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will be updating us on the construction schedule of the Morrissey Blvd bridges as part of the Commonwealth's Expedited Bridge repair project. Paul Nutting will be sharing the work that he has been doing to restore and connect the harbor walk, and we will be hearing the latest update from Don Walsh and our other representatives on the Columbia Point Task Force. It seems like our elections at the May meeting are a long way away, but in fact it is right around the corner. Therefore, at this month's meeting we will be forming our nominations committee, which will be charged with receiving and presenting nominations at the April meeting. If you would like to participate on the nominations committee, please plan on attending the March meeting. Recent members of the nominations committee have included Joe Chaisson and Marleah Mesh. I am sure they would be willing to answer any questions that you may have about the (rather limited) duties involved in the committee.

On a related note, we have had some recent vacancies on the Executive Board. Both Marleah Mesh and Bing Broderick have determined that their other professional and personal responsibilities are keeping them too busy to participate in E-board. I would like to thank them very much for their active participation as active members of the association and dedicated community members. I am also happy to announce that Michael Christopher and Justin Green have accepted my request to join the e-board, and I am really looking forward to their input in this role.---*Deirdre*

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| Monthly General Meeting: | March 2, 2009 @ 7:00 PM
Little House, 275 East Cottage St |
| Executive Board Meeting: | March 10, 2009 @ 6:30 PM
McLaughlin Center |
| Planning Committee Meeting: | March 10, 2009 (immediately following E-Board), McLaughlin Center |
| Beautification Committee Meeting: | March 12, 2009 @ 7 PM
77 Auckland Street |

The Neighbors is the Newsletter of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association.

All opinions expressed in The Neighbors are the personal views of the individual writer & do not necessarily reflect the views of the CSCHA, its officers & its membership. *Not Responsible for Typographical Errors.*

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Meeting Agenda
March 2, 2009

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Treasurer's Report
- Public Safety Reports
- Councilor Feeney
- DCR Construction
- Harbor Walk
- Committee Reports
- Old & New Business
- 50/50 Raffle

Editor's Note:

Thanks to Joe Chaisson & Seniors @ 130, Dan Brennan, Anne Riley, Maureen McQuillen, Corcoran Jennison and UMass for help with the newsletter production.

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 Update

The next Beautification Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th @ 7:00PM, 77 Auckland Street. All are welcome to attend! Contact us at: beautifydot@gmail.com

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Boston Shines 2009 – April 24th & 25th

The city-wide neighborhood clean up is sponsored by Mayor Thomas M. Menino (see below)

Plant & Bake Sale – Saturday, May 30th --- 100 Savin Hill Ave (Special thanks to Elizabeth Doyle & Carol Chaisson who have agreed to chair the Plant & Bake Sale)

5th Annual Curb Appeal Contest – Spring & Summer
Entries due by 7/12/09.

Curb Appeal Awards Ceremony – Monday, Sept 14th @ General Meeting

Note: All dates and events are subject to change.

Boston Shines 2009 - We are looking for volunteers to help and also suggestions to identify a couple of specific projects to work on for Boston Shines. Please contact us at: beautifydot@gmail.com.

-Anne Riley

Seniors Reminder

Are you eligible? For more information about the "Circuit Breaker" Tax Refund contact Joe Chaisson @ 617-282-1933.

Dorchester Day Parade Annual Meatloaf Dinner

The annual Dorchester Day Kick-Off dinner to benefit Dorchester Day activities will be held on Thursday, March 19th, 6:30pm at the First Parish Church, Dorchester. Tickets: \$13 for adults and \$6 for children.

Dorchester Day Parade 10K Drawing

April 23rd, Florian Hall

Dorchester Day Parade Chili Cook-off

April 26th, IBEW Hall, 3pm-6pm

Daylight Savings – March 8th!

Happy St. Patrick's Day – March 17th!



Richard P. Pacitti was a Community Activist and a man who valued family. He wasn't only active in our community but also in the hearts of the people who knew him. Four years ago there was a baseball tournament started to honor his name and what he stood for. The baseball tournament consists of eight teams from in and around the City of Boston, a home run derby, raffle prizes and fun entertainment for the kids and parents. After the second year, we decided to start a scholarship fund in order to give back to the kids something they could really benefit from. An essay competition was formed so any Dorchester resident or participant in the baseball tournament not from Dorchester is eligible to win \$1,000 towards school or school supplies. Our first year, due to the hard work of our committee, we were able to give out three scholarships. This year's turnout was even bigger, so we were able to give out five \$1,000 scholarships to the students of Dorchester and participants of the tournament. The Pacitti Cup falls on the same weekend as the 2nd Annual Dorchester Beach Festival held at Malibu Beach. It is going to be truly a special weekend for all of Savin Hill to enjoy and participate in. If you would like to make a donation or simply volunteer please check out www.pacitticup.com or email us at pacitticup07@hotmail.com. Opening ceremonies start August 8th at 10:30 am. See you there!

Founder and Coordinator,

Tony King

DORCHESTER BEACH FESTIVAL



SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th. 11am --- 4pm
MALIBU BEACH, sea you down the beach...again!

MERCHANT MEMBERS

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:

Please consider a CSHCA Merchant Membership.

Annual fee: \$25.

Funds support local initiatives of the Beautification Committee.

Merchants get monthly exposure to over 350 membership households, community groups and friends of our association.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!

Residential Parking – Moseley and Sydney Streets

To apply for your free Dorchester Residential parking sticker you must appear (Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm) at City Hall, Office of the Parking Clerk, Room 224, with auto registration and two current proofs of residency. In addition to the application form, the following two pieces of information must be presented at the Office of the Parking Clerk when applying for a permit:

- A valid Massachusetts automobile registration showing your car registered & principally garaged in your name from your current Boston address.
- One of the following proofs of residency bearing your name & Boston address. The proof of residency must be current. Examples include: Gas, Electric, Cable, Water & Sewer or Telephone Bill, Monthly Bank Stmt (excluding mortgage).

Call the Office of the Parking Clerk's Parking Division at 617-635-4682 or search web at:

www.cityofboston.gov/transportation/parkprogr.asp

with any questions on how to apply for a permit.

An application form can be downloaded from:

www.cityofboston.gov/transportation/pdfs/rpp.pdf

Enforcement of residential parking on these two streets may not be in effect the first couple of weeks but you are urged to apply for a sticker ASAP!

Senior Luncheon --- JFK Library

Mark your calendars for the Annual Senior Luncheon to be held May 14th at the JFK Library at noon. Details to follow.

Free Child Care @ General Membership Meetings

We offer FREE childcare at all general CSHCA Meetings for our members and guests. Bring any personal items your child may need and please arrive 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!

50/50 Raffle

The 50/50 Raffle is held at our monthly general meeting. Raffle tickets available for purchase at the check-in table. One ticket for \$1; three tickets for \$2. Best of luck!

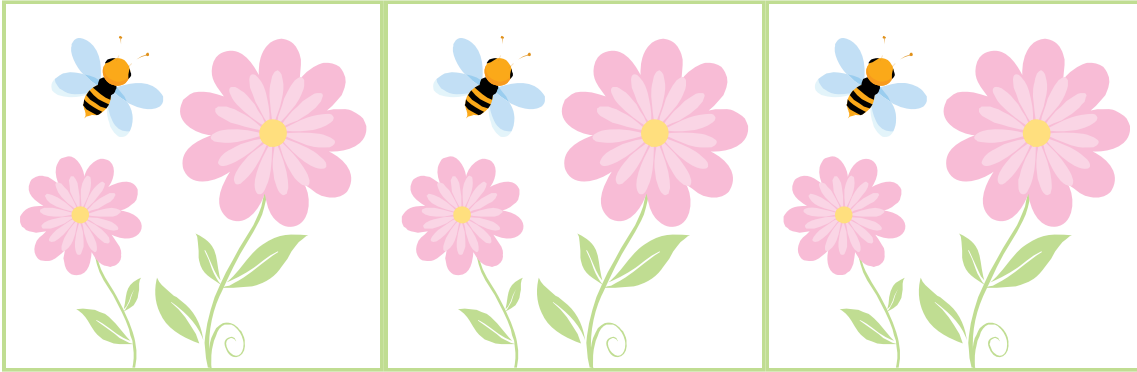
PLEASE RENEW YOUR CSHCA MEMBERSHIP for '09

Many of our memberships expired at the end of 2008. Members must be current with dues in order to vote at our general meetings.

Please mail-in your membership renewal form or stop by the check-in desk at our general membership meeting. See Daniel Brennan.

The Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association

Beautification Committee



2009

Plant & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 30th.

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Blessed Mother Theresa Grammar School
100 Savin Hill Avenue**

Gorgeous flowers sold at reasonable prices!

A selection of spring/summer:
annuals, perennials, herbs and hanging baskets.

We welcome and encourage plant donations!

If you have perennials that you have divided and would like to donate them please
bring them to us by 8:30 a.m.

Bake Sale

If you wish to contribute baked goods to the bake sale
please contact Carol Chaisson at (617) 282-1933 or
by email at jbcduke@verizon.net

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2009 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 include 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.

*Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association
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**March 2009
FIRST CLASS**

