

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,

Spring has finally sprung! Thank you very much to all of the volunteers who came out on the beautiful Boston Shine's weekend. The neighborhood is looking gorgeous. Thanks are also very much deserved for Kevin Waterman, who cooked up another delicious batch of his famous chili for the Associations submission to the Dorchester Chili Cook-off benefiting Dorchester Day! Thank you to all who came out to support Columbia-Savin Hill.

At this month's meeting we will be joined by Councilor Maureen Feeney, whom was scheduled for our March meeting, which was cancelled due to inclement weather (thank goodness winter is behind us). The Councilor will be updating us on the initiative she is working on at City Hall and in the community. We will also be holding our election for officers.

I would like to take this opportunity (in my last president's letter) to thank everyone who has been so supportive during the last two and a half years that I have been filling the role of president. We really are a team, and it takes a lot of dedicated people keep this organization running. I couldn't have done it without the help of especially Maureen McQuillen, who has always been willing to take on more responsibility and always seems to have a new idea up her sleeve. Also, although he never reads this, I also have to thank my husband, Auston, who endured many the late night and cold dinner with only the slightest grumble. I am not going anywhere, but I am ready to pass things on to other capable hands. I am looking forward to other up coming neighborhood events such as Dorchester Day, the Dorchester Beach Festival and the Pacitti Cup, and I am hoping to see you at them!

-Deirdre

Monthly General Meeting:	May 4, 2009 @ 7:00 PM Little House, 275 East Cottage St
Executive Board Meeting:	May 12, 2009 @ 6:30 PM McLaughlin Center
Planning Committee Meeting:	May 12, 2009 (following E-Board) McLaughlin Center
Beautification Committee Meeting	May 14, 2009 @ 7:00 PM 77 Auckland Street, Unit #1

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Meeting Agenda May 2009

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Safety Reports
3. City Councilor Maureen Feeney
4. SH Park Anniversary & Dorchester Beach Festival
5. Committee Reports
6. Election for Officers
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. 50/50 Raffle

Editor's Note:

Thanks to Joe Chaisson & Seniors @ 130,
Dan Brennan, Anne Riley,
Maureen Mc Quillen, Corcoran Jennison
and UMass for the newsletter help!

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

Avenue Liquors
82 Savin Hill Avenue

The Banshee Pub
934 Dorchester Avenue

B & A / Parker Sales
1089 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

Beautification Committee Update

The Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association

Beautification Committee



The next Beautification Committee meeting is Thursday, May 14th. @ 7pm @ 77 Auckland St, Unit #1. All welcome to attend!
Contact: beautifydot@gmail.com with any questions/suggestions.

Boston Shines – Thank you to all the volunteers that spent 4/25 clearing trash on Dorchester & Savin Hill Avenues and mulching the tree pits along both Avenues. Additionally, the group planted pansies at the 'Welcome to Dorchester' sign on Columbia Road. Thanks to Mayor Menino, the City of Boston & Lauren Smyth for their support and for supplying the mulch, flowers, tee shirts, gloves and supplies. Special thanks to our hard-working volunteers: Eileen Fenton, Anne Riley, Maureen Mc Quillen, Mem MacAfee, Dale James, Jim Castiola, Alison Hanrahan, Sean Mc Guirk, Joe Chaisson, Gloria-Ann Vieira.

Thanks to the Paul Nutting & Jeff Cumming & the crew who cleaned Savin Hill Ave along the Expressway & Patton's Cove (the Gully). Congrats to Bill Walczak & his dedicated crew for another hugely successful Savin Hill Park clean-up.

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Plant & Bake Sale – Saturday, May 30th – See attached flyer (Thanks to Elizabeth Doyle & Carol Chaisson, co-chairmen Plant & Bake Sale)

Curb Appeal help needed – We are in desperate need of someone to chair the Curb Appeal effort. Without volunteer participation and someone to chair their efforts, we will be in danger of cancelling this year's contest. Interested parties should contact Anne Riley @ beautifydot@gmail.com.

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

Curb Appeal Awards Ceremony – Monday, Sept 14th

All dates and events are subject to change.

Dorchester Day Parade Committee Update

LITTLE MISS DORCHESTER CONTEST: Open to all Dorchester girls aged 7-9. Judging May 9th. Contact Annissa George @ 617-474-0797 or 617-594-1841 for details.

PARADE COMMITTEE MEETING: May 18th. @ Comfort Inn on Morrissey Blvd. @ 7pm. All welcome. Details @ 617-287-0085.

PARADE of SENIORS LUNCHEON: May 21st. @ JFK Library, 12-3pm. Ticket required, please call 617-282-1933 for free admission ticket.

CHIEF MARSHALLS DINNER: June 5th. @ 7pm @ Florian Hall. Tickets \$30. Call 617-287-0035 for details.

Nealco Environmental
5 Caspian Way

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

JustIn Boston Properties
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 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 DAY PARADE: Sunday, June 7th. Kick-off @ 1:30pm. Please come celebrate your neighborhood's heritage.

[Dorchester Beach Festival ---- SAVE THE DATE](#)

The 2nd. Annual Dorchester Beach Festival will be held (rain or shine but we know it will be sunny!) on Saturday, August 8th from 11am-4pm at Malibu & Savin Hill Beaches. Sail and canoe in the cove. Participate in beach themed field games, sidewalk chalk drawing, crafts for children, decorate and fly a kite plus much more! Visit interactive display booths from leading environmental, health and historical agencies. Something for everyone from toddlers to seniors. Visit dorchesterbeachfestival.com throughout the season for updates on this year's event. Our new website will launch in late Spring and photos of the inaugural event will also be uploaded.
Sea you down the beach!

[Savin Hill Park Centennial Celebration Committee](#)

A committee is forming to explore a centennial celebration of the Savin Hill Park. Contact maureen_mc_q@hotmail.com or 781-622-0723 if you wish to help.

[Dorchester Historical Society Wine Tasting Fundraiser](#)

May 3rd, 2-5pm @ The Boston Winery, 26 Ericsson St, Port Norfolk, Dorchester. Appetizers, tour of the facility and description of wine-making process, display of historic memorabilia of Port Norfolk & tasting of 2 wines by The Boston Winery. Tickets \$50. Contact Earl Taylor @ 781-272-6700 or ERMMWWT@aol.com

[Leaf and Yard Waste Collection](#)

Spring 2009 collection dates: April 27 - May 29. Place leaves, & yard debris in large paper leaf bags or open barrels labeled "yard waste" (no plastic bags). Yard Waste stickers for barrels are available by calling 635-4959 (up to 2 stickers available per household). Place on the curb by 7:00am on your Recycling/Trash Collection Day.

[New Digital TV? New Computer?](#)

To recycle your outdated equipment call: Boston Recycling @ 617-635-4959 to arrange for pickup on your regular trash day.

[50/50 Raffle](#)

A 50/50 Raffle is held at each and every monthly general meeting. You may purchase raffle tickets at the check-in table. One ticket for a dollar and three tickets for two dollars. Good Luck!

[CSHCA Membership](#)

The membership drive is on! Please renew or apply for membership today by mail or at our general membership meeting. A membership form can be found within this newsletter. See Daniel Brennan at the check-in desk of our general monthly meeting with any questions pertaining to your membership status and or to make payment.

PHOTOS

Tuttle St. Fire Rescue
Heroes Award
Ceremony Honoring John
Beleheen & William
Vaillancourt



ELECTIONS

Elections of Officers for the
Columbia Savin Hill Civic
Association will be held at
the 5/4/09 meeting. You
must be an active member to
vote.

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Piece by Piece

For a couple of years now, the JFK Library has been planning to construct an addition to house its vast and growing collection of all things Kennedy. It will be built to the north of the current structure in the vicinity of what is now a cul de sac delivery area, where you may have seen catering trucks parked.

The good news for us users of the Harborwalk is that beginning very soon, before the building is started, the paved Harborwalk will be extended northward across the Library's lawn and for some distance into the stone dust path area. The shoreline will be bulk-headed with large rocks similar to most of the Point as part of this initial project.

Some might recall the last time shoreline work was done by the Library several years ago. They simply threw up a fence blocking the path around the back of the building.

This time, I have received assurances that a temporary stone dust path will be in place just inland of where the new trail will be built. The seawall/trail construction will begin this spring and last 3-4 months.

Once completed, that leaves only the stretch closer to the HarborPoint complex, behind the newer temporary UMass parking lot as the final piece of unpaved Harborwalk on Columbia Point. I hope that the University will proceed with their plans to make that area a natural park with the final trail link paved along the shore. --Paul Nutting

Chili Festival Photos



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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.

Jim Allen, University of Massachusetts Horticulturalist, will demonstrate container gardening techniques and offer useful tips.

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 via email at jbcduke@verizon.net

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Membership 2009 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 are used for official CSHCA business only.

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