

**Columbia/Savin Hill  
Civic Association**

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**A Community  
Organization Striving to  
Serve Community  
People**

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*CSHCA – The Neighbors*

**President's Letter**

**Dear Neighbors,**

I hope you all had a joyful and restful Holiday season. Best wishes for health and happiness in the New Year!

Thank you to all the merchants who donated gifts or services to our association's December Holiday party: Allard Farm Custom Sportswear, Avenue Liquors, Cedar Grove Gardens, Coleen's Flower Shop, CSHCA Beautification Committee, Harp & Bard Restaurant, Pantry's Pizza, Stitch House Dorchester, Sugar Bowl, University of Massachusetts Boston. Thanks to members who donated food & special thanks to Anne Riley for coordinating many of the donations.

Much has happened in our neighborhood since we last met: UMASS Boston signed a letter of intent to purchase 20 acres of commercial property at Bayside Expo Center, North Cambridge Catholic High School finalized a deal with the archdiocese and the local parish to acquire the old St. William's School at 100 Savin Hill Avenue and launch the Christo Rey Boston School next Fall, the BRA/Columbia Point Task Force held a meeting to review latest draft of master plan (pre-UMASS Boston announcement) and several proponents came before the Planning Committee's December meeting seeking zoning relief and/or presenting future plans for their property. The Church in Boston presented initial plans for their recent purchase at 202 Savin Hill Avenue. Based on feedback from the committee and abutters they advised they would regroup and submit revised plans sometime in the future. An announcement of meeting date will be made once the church contacts us.

The civic associations pledges to reach out and work with the institutions, developers, agencies and fellow residents with projects in our neighborhood. We encourage everyone to become involved to ensure your voice and point-of-view is represented. If you cannot attend meetings please send me an email, letter or call to voice your opinion. I will forward your comments to the proponent, committees, elected officials involved. It is our neighborhood and I hope you can find the time to take an active role in shaping its future.

Have a safe, healthy New Year! —*Maureen*

**Monthly General Meeting:** January 4, 2010 @ 7:00 PM  
February 1, 2010 @ 7:00 PM  
Little House, 275 East Cottage St

**Executive Board Meeting:** January 11, 2010 @ 6:00 PM  
February 8, 2010 @ 6:00 PM  
McLaughlin Center, 1135 Dot Ave

**Planning Committee Meeting:** January 11, 2010 @ 7:00 PM  
February 8, 2010 @ 7:00 PM  
McLaughlin Center, 1135 Dot Ave

**Beautification Committee Meeting:** January 14, 2010 @ 7:00 PM  
February 11, 2010 @ 7:00 PM  
77 Auckland Street, Unit #1

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**Meeting Agenda  
January 2010**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Safety Reports
3. Committee Reports
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. 50/50 Raffle

**Editor's Note:**

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[www.columbiasavinhillcivic.org](http://www.columbiasavinhillcivic.org)

## 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

Bay Cove Human Services  
105 Victory Road

Boomer / Traffic Jams  
839 Columbia Road

Coleen's Flower Shop  
912 Dorchester Avenue

Dorchester Market  
951 Dorchester Avenue

Dorchester Tire Service  
1160 Dorchester Avenue

Gatley Insurance Co.  
983A Dorchester Avenue

Just In Boston Properties  
5 Savin Hill Avenue

Kennedy Cleaners  
117 Savin Hill Avenue

Lee's Store & Bakery  
982 Dorchester Avenue

## Beautification Committee Update

The Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association

Beautification Committee



Thank you to all who patronized our recent wreath sale and to Pastor Samuel Bulgin and his choir from the Waymark Seventh Day Adventist Church for performing during our wreath sale and the tree lighting at Ryan Playground. Thank you to the merchants and elected officials who donated funds towards the wreaths adorning Dorchester and Savin Hill Avenues. Thanks to Dale James for creating the design on the banner on display on Savin Hill Avenue, just east of Dorchester Ave.

### Museum of Fine Arts Free Community Day

Boston residents admitted to MFA free on 12/31/09, 10:00am-4:45pm. Visit museum at 465 Huntington Ave, Boston MA

### FREE Admission to Museum of Science

In celebration of Mayor Menino's inauguration, on Sunday, January 3 from 4-7pm Boston residents are admitted to MOS for free. Participants will need to present ID confirming residency. Special pricing for Harry Potter: The Exhibition will be available to Boston Residents. Harry Potter tickets at the special Boston resident price of \$16 for Adults, \$14 for Seniors (60+) and \$13 for children (3-11) will be available for purchase only at the Museum and only on January 3<sup>rd</sup> for entries at 4 pm or later that day on a first-come, first-served basis. (Regularly priced at \$26, \$24 & \$23)

### Dorchester Historical Society Talk

Dorchester Historical Society will present 'The History of Fields Corner' on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm at 195 Boston St.

### JFK Library Forums

All forums are free & open to the public. Reservations are recommended and guarantee a seat in the building, but not the main hall. Doors to the main hall open one hour before the program begins. Register by calling 617.514.1643 or online at

<http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education+and+Public+Programs/Kennedy+Library+Forums/default.htm?view=registration>.

### Recycling Information

Boston residents no longer have to separate paper & cardboard from cans & bottles. You may mix all recyclable materials together in one large container. Call 617-635-4500 with questions. *Recycling Electronics:* To recycle your outdated electronic equipment call: Boston Recycling at 617-635-4959 to arrange for pickup on your regular trash day.

Lee Myles Transmission  
1110 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

Savin Hill Yoga  
11 Pearl Street

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

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 support initiatives  
of the Beautification  
Committee.  
Merchants gain monthly  
exposure to over 350  
membership households,  
community groups and  
friends of our association.

## Boston Police Department's C-11 Monthly Public Meeting

Area C-11 hosts a monthly meeting for the public every 2nd Thursday at 7:00pm. For more info please contact the Community Service Office at 617-343-4524.

## January is Glaucoma Awareness Month

Glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable blindness. Everyone, from infants to seniors is vulnerable. More than four million people in the United States have glaucoma, a group of eye diseases that damage the optic nerve and destroy eyesight. Unfortunately, nearly half of those with glaucoma are not even aware that they have it. You owe it to yourself to find out by getting a comprehensive dilated eye exam that includes having drops put in your eye. With its painless and gradual loss of vision, glaucoma may have no early warning signs, but it can be detected during a comprehensive dilated eye exam. For more information, visit [www.glaucoma.org](http://www.glaucoma.org).

## US Senate Special Election is Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in the special election to elect our state's next US Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of US Senator Edward M Kennedy. Unsure of your polling location? Visit <http://www.wheredoivotema.com/bal/myelectioninfo.php>

## US Census Bureau Now Hiring

The US Census Bureau is offering good-paying, part-time jobs to qualified applicants. Testing is held every Tuesday & Thursday at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St and McLaughlin Center, 1135 Dorchester Ave. Testing is also held at many other locations at various times throughout Dorchester. To schedule an appointment to take an employment test & submit an application, call 1-617-848-3260. TTY Callers: please use 1-800-877-8339. More information, including a practice test, is available at [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov).

## 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

**ALL MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED AT THE END OF DECEMBER.** Please renew your membership at the January meeting. The membership drive is on! Please invite a neighbor to join our association. Please renew or apply for membership today by mail (form attached) or at our general membership meeting. Remember, memberships expired at the end of December so renew now to avoid a breach. Yearly individual membership is \$5. See Daniel Brennan at the check-in desk at our general monthly meeting with any questions pertaining to your membership status or to make payment.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR from CSHCA!**

**Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association**  
**Membership Renewal Form**

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**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.

<p>Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association c/o Maureen Mc Quillen, President 36 Saxton Street, Unit #1 Dorchester, MA 02125</p>
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**January 2010**  
**FIRST CLASS**

