

Columbia/Savin Hill Civic Association

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People

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CSHCA – The Neighbors

President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

I hope everyone is well rested after the Holidays and most are still observing their New Year's resolutions.

It is only February but community organizers are already at work planning some exciting spring and summer events. Savin Hill Little League leaders will host two fundraisers (see below) and the Pacitti Cup while the Dorchester Beach Festival committee is beginning to lay plans for a fundraiser as well as their main event in August. The Beautification Committee is developing their spring slate of events. Updates will be posted on our website and via email blasts.

A status report on the Leo Lydon Memorial Clock installation at the Savin Hill MBTA Station will be shared during our February meeting.

After numerous meetings with abutters, Elected Officials and the Planning Committee, the Church in Boston has decided to abandon plans to utilize their recent purchase at 202 Savin Hill Avenue as an assembly space and elder residence. Instead they plan to convert the home to 3 condominiums and sell the units. They are seeking assembly space in a more commercial part of Dorchester. Abutters and the civic association's planning committee will be kept involved/updated with this project.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday, February 1st at the General Meeting. Happy Valentine's Day! —*Maureen*

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

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

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

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

Save the Date: 'To Dance the Last Dance' @ St. Williams

Organizers are working to host two fundraising events at the former St. Williams School, 100 Savin Hill Avenue on March 6th with proceeds to benefit the Savin Hill Little League. Watch this newsletter for more details and the launch of our Facebook page. Afternoon event for children 16 & under features wrestling. The 'last dance' will be held from 7:30pm-midnight. DJ, raffle, beer/wine. To quote Donna Summer, a Dorchester native, "So, come on baby, dance that dance, come on baby, dance that dance, come on baby, let's dance tonight...." at St. Williams School.

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Meeting Agenda February 2010

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Safety Reports
3. Census 2010 Presentation
4. Leo Lydon Clock Update
5. Committee Reports
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. 50/50 Raffle

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1146 Dorchester Avenue

Alliance Auto Glass
902 Dorchester Avenue

At Home Real Estate
109 Savin Hill Avenue

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1245 Dorchester Avenue

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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

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839 Columbia Road

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912 Dorchester Avenue

Dorchester Market
951 Dorchester Avenue

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1160 Dorchester Avenue

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983A Dorchester Avenue

Just In Boston Properties
5 Savin Hill Avenue

Kennedy Cleaners
117 Savin Hill Avenue

Lee's Store & Bakery
982 Dorchester Avenue

Icon Group Billboard Meeting

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26th at 7pm at the Holiday Inn Express adjacent to South Bay Mall to discuss Icon Group's proposal to erect a billboard at the new construction site parallel to the SE Expway at South Bay on the site of the former gas station & liquor store. If unable to attend or wish to comment Please contact Drew Hoffman, dhoffman@icongroupe.com, 781-844-3140 or Joe Chaisson, jbcduke@verizon.net, 617-282-1933.

Franklin Park Winter Snow Festival

Join Franklin Park Coalition and REI on Saturday, February 13th, 1-4pm for an afternoon of FREE fun activities and winter sports FOR ALL AGES! Enjoy the snow and the winter season in Franklin Park, Boston's largest park. Come snowshoe on scenic Scarboro Hill, cross country ski through the Wilderness, sled down the golf course slope, build a snowman or snowwoman, and find evidence of coyotes and rabbits while animal tracking. Then warm up with hot chocolate in the Golf Clubhouse! (Limited number of snowshoes & sleds provided. Please bring your own skis). Register: call 617-442-4141 or email rsvp@franklinparkcoalition.org

Boston Citywide Charter School Showcase

Meet representatives from 19 Boston-area charter schools. Learn about charter public schools in Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville as well as charter schools in general. Charter schools are tuition-free public schools open to anyone in Massachusetts. Saturday, February 6th, 9am – 12pm, UMassBoston, McCormack Bldg, Ryan Lounge, 3F, 100 Morrissey Blvd.

Boston Green Award Nominations

Nominations are now open for the Mayor's 2010 Green Awards, which recognize local sustainability and environmental awareness leaders in three different categories: Green Business, Green Residential, and Bike Friendly Business Awards. Constructing offices with recycled plastic bottles, providing a fleet of bicycles for commuting employees, and creating rooftop gardens are just some of the innovative approaches that businesses are taking to green Boston. Residents will be awarded for practices such as sustainable home renovations, pollution reduction, and sustainable landscaping methods. Nominations will be accepted until February 26th. For more information or to download and submit nomination forms, please visit the City's of Boston's website at www.cityofboston.gov/environmentalandenergy/greenawards/. Mayor Menino will announce and honor this year's winners during an April awards ceremony.

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.

February is American Heart Month

Cardiovascular diseases, including stroke, are our nation's No. 1 killer. To urge Americans to join the battle against these diseases, since 1963 Congress has required the president to proclaim February "American Heart Month." For more information, visit <http://www.hearhub.org/>.

Eat Green \$ave Green

Class participants will prepare healthy meals, learn about nutrition and how to maximize food dollars by improving fiscal health as well as take a trip to the grocery store to learn how to buy healthy foods at the best prices. Tuesday, February 2nd, 6:00pm-8:30pm, Codman Square Health Center, 637 Washington St. To register, call Kathy Gorman at: (617) 474-1405.

US Census Bureau Now Hiring

The US Census Bureau is offering good-paying, part-time jobs to qualified applicants. Testing is held weekly 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.

Dorchester Historical Society Exhibit @ UMass Boston

Mind Your Business: The Story of Dorchester's Industry & Commerce from the Revolution to WWII exhibit in the Grossman Gallery, Healey Library 5F, UMass Boston, February 1-26. For the first 150 years of Dorchester's existence, 1630 to 1780, its economy was based on agriculture, husbandry, milling, tanning & fishing. The late 18th century saw the growth of business identities and a quickening of interest in new technologies and products.

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 or apply for membership today by mail (form attached) or at our general membership meeting. Please invite a neighbor to join our association. 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.

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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 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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