

Columbia/Savin Hill Civic Association

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People

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Meeting Agenda March 2010

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

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CSHCA – The Neighbors

President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

Hard to believe it is March already; soon we should see the trees sprouting leaves and bulbs emerging from their winter siesta.

Latifa Ziyad, Community Liaison for Inspectional Services will speak at our March meeting to provide guidance for utilizing ISD's services and how we can assist her department with code enforcement in our neighborhood. She will also address some concerns regarding commercial sign enforcement and merchant education.

An information session about the Columbia Point Master Plan content will be held on Saturday, 3/27 at 9am at the SHYC; details below.

—Maureen

Monthly General Meeting: March 1, 2010 @ 7:00 PM
April 5, 2010 @ 7:00 PM
Little House, 275 East Cottage St

Executive Board Meeting: March 8, 2010 @ 6:00 PM
April 12, 2010 @ 6:00 PM
McLaughlin Center, 1135 Dot Ave

Planning Committee Meeting: March 8, 2010 @ 7:00 PM
April 12, 2010 @ 7:00 PM
McLaughlin Center, 1135 Dot Ave

Beautification Committee Meeting: March 11, 2010 @ 7:00 PM
April 8, 2010 @ 7:00 PM
77 Auckland Street, Unit #1

'Double Header Fundraisers for Savin Hill Baseball

Saturday, March 6th, Former St. William's School, 100 Savin Hill Ave
All proceeds benefit Savin Hill Baseball League

UFO Wrestling:

Saturday, March 6th, doors open at 12:00pm. Water, soda, hot dogs, pizza and 50/50 raffle tickets available for purchase. Enjoy a family fun day & say goodbye to St. William's School. \$15 @ door pre-purchase tickets by contacting Tony King 617 272 6353 or Michael Christopher 617 818 4725

'To Dance the Last Dance' @ St. Williams

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. Doors open @ 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20 at the door or you can purchase tickets/tables beforehand by contacting Tony King, Michael Christopher or Robert Pacitti. There will be a DJ, Raffles, cash bar and a door prize. Tony King – 617 272 6353
Michael Christopher – 617 818 4725 or Robert Pacitti - 617 910 7728

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

Dorchester Day Parade Committee Update

- The **Mayor of Dorchester Contest** officially starts Feb. 22nd and concludes May 24th. Open enrollment runs Feb. 22nd through March 15th; interested candidates should attend the Feb 22nd or March 15th committee meeting. The meetings are held at the Comfort Inn, 900 William T Morrissey Blvd at 7pm. If you cannot make either meeting please call (857) 756-3675.
- The **Kick-off Meatloaf Dinner** is March 25th at 6:30pm, First Parish Church located at on top of Meetinghouse Hill, 10 Parish Street Dorchester, MA 02122. Great food and entertainment: a perfect way to launch the celebrations. Tickets: \$15.00 per person, \$30.00 per family of 4 or \$7.00 for children.
- The **Dorchester Chili Cook-off 2010** is Sunday, March 28th, 3pm-6pm at the IBEW Local 103 Union Hall on Freeport St. \$15 per person or \$25 per family includes all the chili & fixins' you can eat and a chance to vote for Dorchester's Best Chili. Come vote for CSHCA's entry and support this Dorchester Day fundraiser. Call Pat O'Neill, 617-265-5397 or email pattiashmont@gmail.com for details.
- The **10K Drawing banquet** is Thursday, April 22nd, 6:30pm at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St. Come enjoy dinner and cheer for your number as we pull 300 tickets out of our kettle to see who will win the \$10,000.00 this year. Tickets on sale now at \$100 each. Numbers sell quickly so call our parade hotline # at (857) 756-3675 to reserve your ticket today.
- The annual "**Little Miss Dorchester**" competition & **Seniors Luncheon** are on tap in May. Please consult the Dorchester Reporter or the website, dotdayparade.com for more details.

Columbia Point Task Force Informational Meeting

At the last Executive Board meeting it was decided to hold an "information meeting" to allow any interested neighbors to both learn about the current draft of the master plan and to challenge individual parts of the plan (or the whole plan). The informational meeting / discussion is Saturday, March 27th at 9 am at the Savin Hill Yacht Club on Morrissey Blvd. (we have the room till 12 noon if we need it). The association will vote on the overall master plan at the April general membership meeting. It should be noted that last month, a special "information meeting" was held at the Little House and targeted neighbors around Sydney St/Crescent Ave. Both meetings are/were intended to provide an opportunity for detailed questions on what is in the master plan. Don Walsh, chair of the Columbia Point Task Force is organizing and hosting this important meeting.

Climate Action Community Workshop

The City of Boston has launched a Climate Action Planning process to develop recommendations for action by city government, residents, businesses, institutions and community organizations designed to reduce Boston's greenhouse gas emissions, deal with unavoidable climate impacts, and develop the green economy. The city is hosting community workshops to present what the Leadership Committee has developed and hear what residents have to say about both the plan itself and especially about how to engage the public in future action. Please register at <http://www.cityofboston.gov/climate> for Monday, March 15th workshop at

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.

Hibernian Hall, 182-186 Dudley Street, Roxbury. Dinner/registration runs 4:30-5:30 pm and workshop is 5:30-8:30 pm. All welcome!

[Dorchester Plaza Informational Meeting](#)

Cushman & Wakefield of Massachusetts, Inc. has been retained to handle the potential sale of Dorchester Plaza, a large parcel along Dorchester Ave, Freeport, Hancock and Greenmont Streets. Representatives from this firm will be meeting with the Planning Committee on Monday, 3/8 to discuss the needs and vision of the neighborhood regarding this prominent parcel. All are encouraged to attend this meeting and share ideas. Meeting is 7pm at the McLaughlin Center, 1135 Dorchester Ave, 3F.

[Plant & Bake Sale](#)

Please 'save the date' for the Beautification Committee's annual 'Plant and Bake Sale'. The popular annual (sorry for pun) event will be held on Saturday, May 22nd. Details to follow in upcoming newsletters!

[March is Kidney Month](#)

If you have high blood pressure, diabetes or a family history of kidney disease, you're at risk for chronic kidney disease (CKD). Preventing CKD is not as difficult as you might think. March is National Kidney Month and here are some prevention tips from the National Kidney Foundation. For more information, visit <http://www.kidney.org/kidneydisease/kidneymonth/>

[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.

[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.

[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.

DORCHESTER DAY PARADE COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 220145 --- Dorchester, MA 02122

Phone: 857-756-3675 Fax: 617-249-0868

Email: info@dotdayparade.com Web: www.dotdayparade.com

The Dorchester Celebration & Parade Committees is proud to announce the return of the Essay Contest. The entry and essay must be postmarked by March 12th to be considered for a prize.

The essay contest is open to all Dorchester residents in the 6th through 10th grade.

Two (2) prizes will be awarded to the winning essays that are chosen from a panel of local judges.

The Prizes are: \$500 United States Savings Bond (1) for 9th – 10th grade & (1) for 6th - 8th grade

The rules of the contest are as follows:

- 1.) The student must be a Dorchester resident.
- 2.) The essay must be written on either one of these Dorchester historical figures: Edward Everett (1794-1865) or Lucy Stone (1818-1893)
- 3.) The essay must be between 500–600 words for the 6th through 8th grade
And 800–900 words for the 9th and 10th grade students.
- 4.) Only one essay accepted per student.
- 5.) The essay must be typed and double spaced.
- 6.) The essay and entry form must be postmarked by March 12th, 2010.
- 7.) Sorry, no e-mailed submissions will be accepted. They must be mailed.

Please cut and fill out the registration form on the other side and mail it with your essay to the committee chair.

For Question please contact the committee chair. Ed Geary, Jr. Telephone (617) 265-5376,

Email: essay@dotdayparade.com Web info: Dotdayparade.com

ESSAY CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly:

Student's Name: _____

Home Street Address: _____

Home City/State/Zip: _____

School Attending: _____ Student's Age _____

School Street Address: _____

School City/State/Zip: _____

Current Grade the Student is enrolled in:

6th Grade 7th Grade 8th Grade 9th Grade 10th Grade

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Relationship to Child: _____ Phone: _____

I am over 18 and hereby allow the child above to enter the essay contest.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

By entering this contest: I hereby allow the Dorchester Parade & Celebrations Committee to take photographs and submit the winners' names and essays for publication in local newspapers.

All judge's decisions are final.

Mail the completed entry form and essay postmarked no later than March 12th, 2010, to:

Dorchester Day Essay Contest
PO Box 220145 Dorchester, MA 02122

The Cops are Coming!

C-11 Community Meeting

When: Thursday March 11, 2010



Place: Savin Hill Apts.
130 Auckland St.
Time: 7pm



Guest Speaker: Crime Lab

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"You've left DNA samples all over the place!"

Presentation:
The Real CSI

Please come and join us in learning how to keep our families safe!

For more info please contact CSO office at 617-343-4524 or e-mail Roriede.bpd@cityofboston.gov, or Keaneymi.bpd@cityofboston.gov

Light refreshments will be served!

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 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.

**Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association
c/o Maureen Mc Quillen, President
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Dorchester, MA 02125**

**March 2010
FIRST CLASS**

