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Big Votes Coming

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7 p.m.,
Fr. Lane Hall, St. Brendan's

Tell your friends to
join now

**Allen Gibson and Gerry Donahue of the Irish Butcher Shop
Market will detail current and future plans.**

**Michael Argiros will detail plans for
the Bickford's property on Gallivan Blvd.**

Get your tickets for the RJ Murphy School Fundraiser.

Prizes include a trip to Ireland for four, \$500 or Celtics tickets.

Mushing at Pope John Paul II Park

Saturday, March 6, noon to 3 p.m.

Rain Date Sunday, March 7

Come join the DCR staff and Boston Snow Dogs for some fun and excitement as they put on a Mushing Demo at Pope John Paul II Park. There will also be refreshments and games for the whole family, meet at the Playground Pavilion. Bring a camera for photo opportunities on the sleds and with over 3 dozens dogs.

Please Refrain from bringing your own Dogs to this Event. Sorry there will be no Rides.



Softball Signups In March

St. Brendan Girls CYO Softball registration will be coming in early March. Please watch for additional registration information. The age brackets start with an under 9 beginners team and range through high school. The league runs in June & July with playoffs the first two weekends in August. **Firefighter Exam:** If you are interested in becoming a firefighter and are at least 19 years old, then consider taking the Firefighter Exam on April 24. Must be a resident of Boston for at least 1 year. 617-343-3024, www.cityofboston.gov/fire/employment

Skating Party: Come party at Boston Common's Frog Pond during February vacation week. Free admission and skate rental. Limited to 100 youth per day. Feb 16-19, 10am-12pm. 617-635-4920 x2136

Dorchester YMCA's 1st Annual February Vacation 4 on 4 Basketball Tournament: High school students (male or female) can register a team of 4-5 people. Registration deadline is Feb 12, 6pm and all players must be present to register. Registration fee: \$25 per team. Persons interested in refereeing and/or being a score keeper must be over 21 years of age and contact Joanne by Feb 5. 617-436-7750.

Boston Scholar Athlete Summer Program & Job Fair: Boston Public High School Students are invited to meet with organizations hiring teens for the summer, explore opportunities available in and around the city, register for the Hopeline and enter into a raffle to win a brand new laptop! Feb 26, 3-7pm. Madison Park High School Cardinal Hall. Brian, 617-517-5256, bmorrissey@suffolkconstruction.com

MyTour Tour: Are you interested leading a walking tour of Fields Corner Neighborhood and getting paid? Contact Maggie Casey, Maggie.Casey@dotwell.org

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November Meeting Update

President Sean Weir opened the meeting by introducing Tierney Flaherty, of Councilor Maureen Feeney's Office, Alkia Powell, of UMass Boston Community Affairs, Stuart Rosenberg, of Councilor-At-Large Felix Arroyo Jr.'s Office, Karen Crowley, of Sen. Jack Harts' Office, Dulce De Pina, of Rep. Linda Dorcena-Forry's Office, Nancy Lafoe of Caritas Carney Hospital, Jeff Brewster of McDonald's and Lauren Smyth, Mayors Office of Neighborhood Services.

Officer Mike Keaney, Community Service Officer- C-11, BPD noted that the C-11 monthly meeting is the second Tuesday of each month. January's meeting would be Youth Violence and also recognition of Sgt. John Daly's 25 years of service as a CSO in C-11 and his retirement in January 2010. He also informed the attendees that the Rape Aggression Defense classes conducted by Lou Bartkiewicz will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Brendans Parish Hall for women over the age of 18 years old in good health.

There were 41 documented incidents in the Cedar Grove area during the past month including 7 arrests and 1 domestic violence incident. Car break-ins continue to be a problem with laptops, GPS systems and satellite radios being pilfered from cars parked on Adams Street and nearby streets. On 12/21, 8 p.m., 2 local youths were assaulted by a group of seven West Roxbury youths traveling in a white Jeep at 616 Gallivan Boulevard near Toohig Park. With information provided by the victims, BPD officers apprehended three of the perpetrators who were charged with Assault and Battery at Dorchester District Court. On 1/2/2010, at 10 p.m., a black male with a hand gun robbed a gas station at 1154 Morrissey Boulevard showing a hand gun and taking cash from the register. The alert clerk had noticed the perpetrator at the Pepsi cooler and prints were taken by BPD detectives.

Officer Keaney noted that a June 16 B&E on Rockne Avenue was solved by tracing DNA on blood left at the scene.

It was traced to a 68 year old Savin Hill resident who was arrested just after Thanksgiving. He admonished meeting attendees of the importance of not disturbing the crime scene at Breaking and Entering incidents since any cleanup or tampering would reduce the usability of potential DNA or fingerprint evidence.

The City-Wide Drug Control Unit (DCU), arrested two 28 year old men at 547 Gallivan Boulevard for drug possession on 1/5, another violator at 540 Gallivan Boulevard on 1/4 for possession with intent to distribute of Xanax and bags of heroin, Lawrence and Randolph men for possession of bags of cocaine on 1/7 and on 1/8 at McDonalds parking lot at 7:45 p.m., a 22 year old Fuller Street resident and a 24 year old Dorchester resident for possession of crack cocaine and marijuana.

Trooper Brian Dunn, Mass. State Police, back after reassignment informed attendees of the A&B on Gallivan Boulevard, serious gun incidents in Jamaica Plain and on Commonwealth Avenue with "replica" hand guns and a rash of robberies and break-ins in Milton and Quincy. He cautioned that residents should be wary of other vehicles driving with salt film on their windshields reducing visibility. Also Trooper Dunn noted that because of budget cutbacks State Police are at 1996 trooper levels with 80 retirements projected in the near future. The motorcycle unit has been disbanded, the fatal accident unit has been dissolved and there will be no directed patrols for DCR parks and roadways in spring and summer.

Sean Weir made several announcements of upcoming events particularly noting the **Voyagers Club Dinner** for the benefit of St. Brendans School which will be held at a new location Florian Hall, Friday, **Feb. 12**. Tickets are \$150.00 and can be obtained at St. Brendans Rectory. He also thanked Mary Shea and others for helping out at the Tree Lighting/Christmas Party at the ODP and especially noted business supporters, Windy City, Five Star, Sonny's, Pizaitalia, Greenhills

and Gerards Restaurant for their contributions.

Ed Merritt, President of the Mt. Washington Bank, briefed the attendees on the **recent merger of Mt. Washington with East Boston Savings Bank**. Because of the challenging economy, his bank was looking to preserve the capability of providing access for small businesses to lines of credit and for mortgages for potential homeowners. Despite \$40 million in deposits at the Gallivan Boulevard branch, capitalization requirements of their regulators, forced the merger with East Boston Savings Bank which has twice as many branches as Mt. Washington. They will remain as autonomous division of East Boston Savings which will allow them to continue support for many community organizations. They are now strongly back in the community lending business, will have no layoffs at any branches and are looking forward to future branch expansion. They are loaning \$10-12 million monthly in residential mortgages with 35% in loans to minority groups. In response to questions, Ed Merritt noted that East Boston Savings had issued a \$120 million stock offering which recapitalized the bank and that amount represented 43% of the parent company value.

Stuart Rosenberg, new Chief of Staff for Councilor for Councilor-At-Large Felix Arroyo Jr., thanked Sean Weir for providing information and access to Councilor Arroyo during the election campaign and the Councilor's e-mail response is on the Cedar Grove Civic.Org website. Stuart offered the services of Councilor Arroyo's Office for help with City issues.

Ellie Spring, CGCA Vice President, briefed the attendees on the **Green Boston Initiative** which is offering 10,000 trees city-wide to residents for sidewalk and yard planting through local organizations. She is putting together the CGCA grant application which is due on February 12th. She has a listing of trees, many of which are shallow rooted, available for planting.