The Polish Triangle's John W. McCormack Civic Association www.McCormackCivic.org

Tuesday Meeting

January 20, 2015 @ 7 pm

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall

Agenda

Volunteers of America at 18 Mount Vernon

The Volunteers of America (VOA) have recently purchased the former Rosie's Place at 18 Mount Vernon Street where they will provide temporary housing to 28 women who will be actively employed as they make a step toward independence. This specific program is one of several that were forced to vacate Long Island as a result of the bridge closing this past October. VOA staff will present more information at the meeting and will address questions and concerns.

Committee Updates

Reports will begin with each chair summarizing the goals of each committee. Association members are encouraged to join the committee of their choice. The committees and their current issues are as follows:

Beautification

- Billboard Issue
- Update on lobbying effort for Highway retaining wall for Rawson and Washburn

Public Safety

- Prostitution update

Transportation and Zoning

- 68 Willow Court for sale
- 8 and 12 Baker Court
- Boston Olympics possibility
- Celtic Recycling
- Pending sale of 47-55 Harvest Street
- Proposal for replacing Long Island Shelter
- South Bay Expansion
- Signs on Enterprise & Clapp Streets
- Update on Mt. Vernon Street Design Public Workshop
- Update on New Restaurant on Bickford site

Thank You!

On behalf of all who were present at our holiday celebration on December 16, we thank the **New England Regional Council of Carpenters** for hosting the event at their beautiful state of the art center. We thank **Avenue Grille, Euromart, Maria Market** and **Real Taco** for providing the scrumptious food and refreshments. Thanks to these businesses, we had a very festive celebration complete with a fabulous assortment of dishes along with desserts, eggnog and soft drinks. We also thank the **Executive Board** and **Association Members** for providing many fine desserts, meatballs and libations.

8 Harvest Street

The owner of 8 Harvest is scheduled to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, January 20, which is the morning of this meeting. The owner is seeking a variance to convert her two family home to a three family. This Association's Executive Board took an unanimous executive vote to send a letter to the ZBA Board requesting that the issue be deferred as a result of an abutters meeting at the property. A membership vote will be taken to ratify the Executive Board's action. The ZBA Board's decision will be announced at the meeting.

Association Has Changed Email & Phone Number

We have changed our email address from AOL to Google. The direct email address is now mccormackcivic@gmail.com. If you are currently not getting email from this new email address and wish to, please send contact information to this new address. Also, we have a new Google voice mail number which is (857) 220-7370.

How Would Olympics Affect Our Neighborhood?

On January 8 , Boston was chosen as the United States candidate for the Summer Olympics of 2024.The world finalist city will be selected in 2017. With well publicized concepts that include the Olympic Village at UMass Boston and the Olympic Stadium at Frontage Road, it seems like the Polish Triangle could be in the middle of the fray.

For more information, please go to 2024boston.org. For a schedule of upcoming public meetings please go to http://www.cityofboston.gov/news/default.aspx?id=18934. The first two meetings are **January 27** at 6:30 p.m. at Suffolk Law School, 120 Tremont St. and **February 24,** 6:30 p.m. at the Condon School Cafeteria, 200 D St., South Boston. A private Olympic group is also hosting a citizens' discussion on **January 21** at the Boston Convention Exposition Center.

Police Reports

Officers George Billotte and **Mayfield Holliday** of C6, **Officer Michael Keaney** of C11, **MA State Police** and officers from the **University of Mass Police** will give reports on activities affecting our neighborhood.

Free Raffle on $150 Stitch House Gift Certificate

All Association members in good standing will be eligible to win a $150 Stitch House gift certificate. Drawing will held be at the meeting.

50/50 Drawing:
$1 per ticket. 6 / $ 5

Please pay your dues!
$5 or $10
Depending on ability

Next Meeting:
February 17, 2015
Blessed Mother Teresa Parish Hall

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www.McCormackCivic.org **Coming to the meeting? Please encourage your neighbors to come along.**