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Do you pay your rent on time?
Do you want to build your credit?

Good credit can help to:

- Buy a home
- Qualify for loans
- Start a business
- Plan for the future

To sign up today, scan the QR code above or visit <https://bit.ly/credit-for-rent> and complete the online form

You can also opt in to be part of research on how rent reporting can benefit renters across the country!

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DARE TO OWN THE DREAM

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER EDUCATION

Buying a home can be daunting, but CSNDC's workshops can help you develop the knowledge and skills to successfully purchase and maintain a new home

Registration fee - \$30

April: Wednesdays the 6th, 13th & 20th
May: Wednesdays the 4th, 11th & 18th

All sessions: 4:00-7:00 PM

Virtual instruction via Zoom

For more info and to register visit www.csndc.com, scan the QR code below,

OR

contact Carolyn McGee
carolyn@csndc.com
617-863-6172



Codman Square NDC office is open!

Please call to schedule and appointment to discuss services or resources.

Why You Are Important to Democracy

2022 is an election year! By tapping into the world of local politics, we directly decide where money is spent, how laws are enforced, and who will lead our communities. While presidential elections receive multi-million dollar flashes of media attention, decisions that actually help us eat happen quietly at the local level.

The Dorchester neighborhood is part of Suffolk County. This year's county elections will heavily influence the future of law enforcement in Boston, as both the Sheriff and District Attorney will be chosen in general elections on November 8, 2022. Sheriffs are elected only every six years, and they oversee a staff of nearly 1,000 people. The District Attorney sets the agenda for what criminal cases or issues will take priority, and even have the power to create reform and address internal misconduct.

To understand who you think would be best to lead our community, utilize websites like Ballotpedia to see who's running. Candidates will be chosen on September 6, 2022 in election primaries open to the public. If you are interested in taking greater action, there is limited space available to mingle with elected officials at a Donuts with Delegates event on **Thursday, April 7**. The CSNDC encourages all its residents to learn who represents them and engage with those who have the power to create real community change! Email or call Jason Boyd for more information.

REGISTER NOW FOR

Resident/Community Leadership Course

Begins Tuesday, April 5 for twelve weeks and runs through June 21 each Tuesday 6-8pm

RLI will focus on Social Action, Locality Development/Civic Organizing, and Community Building. The goal is to build the internal capacity of communities by focusing on assets/strengths and engaging a broad range of community stakeholders to develop high-quality advocacy skills to make real change in the community. In addition to the exploring these approaches, the 2022 RLI will pilot CSNDC's Race Equity Academy and integrate information that explores interpersonal, institutional, and structural racism. RLI will have a particular emphasis on institutional and structural racism. RLI will be a total 30 hours of teaching, learning and engagement.

For more information contact Marilyn Forman, marilyn@csndc.com or call 617.825.4224 ext. 148.

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CODMAN SQUARE NDC

Owner's Office Hours
Weekdays 8:30am - 5:00pm

587 Washington Street
Dorchester, MA 02124
617-825-4224

Homeownership Classes

Carolyn McGee at Ext. 127

Financial Coaching

Keyna Samuel at Ext. 134

Business Technical

Assistance
Charlie Vlahakis at Ext. 124

Jobs Network

Jason Boyd at Ext. 140

Computer Learning Center

108 Columbia Road
Dorchester, MA 02121
Prince Charles at 617-606-7078

WINN RESIDENTIAL

Management Office Hours
Weekdays 9:00am - 4:00pm

702 Washington Street

Dorchester, MA 02124
617-825-8888

95B Washington Street

Dorchester, MA 02121
617-445-1412

173 Columbia Road

Dorchester, MA 02121
617-287-9580

193 Talbot Avenue

Dorchester, MA 02124
617-265-3200

232 Seaver Street

Dorchester, MA 02121
617-427-4278

Volunteers Needed for Oasis on Ballou

Starting Saturday in April and every Saturday thereafter from 10am-2pm

Come over to 100 Ballou Ave. to the Urban Farm and help to prepare the soil for this year's planting season.

Meet new friends, neighbors and learn more about planting and farming. For more information, text Apollo at 617-642-5496

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WinnResidential

NeighborWorks
CHARTERED MEMBER

United Way
of Massachusetts Bay

Calendar Events

APRIL 6
Codman Square Neighborhood Council
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83753518793?pwd=Und05EzU0dZkNsa2x-UeUtHa0EwZz09>
Meeting ID: 837 5351 8793
Passcode: 115113

APRIL 13
CSNDC Board Meeting
Call for Zoom link
617-825-4224

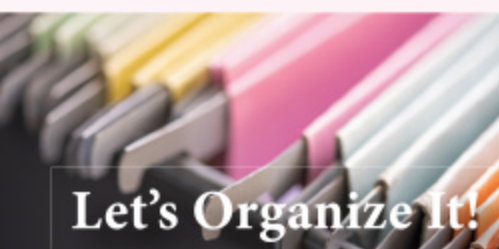
APRIL 26
Talbot Norfolk Triangle
Last Tuesday each month at 6:30
Call for Zoom link 617-929-0925

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- 07 NATIONAL BURRITO DAY
- 10 NATIONAL SIBLINGS DAY
- 17 EASTER
- 18 TAX DAY
- 19 BICYCLE DAY
- 22 EARTH DAY
- 26 NATIONAL PRETZEL DAY
- 29 ARBOR DAY



In honor of April's Administrative Assistants Week and Organize Your Files Week, get your personal business files in order.

Paper organization can be overwhelming, so getting them in order can save time when you need to put your finger on something.

Get out all your papers – yes, all of them! Put them in categories, for example: household (utilities, maintenance, car, projects, etc.); important documents (birth certificates, marriage, will, etc.). At the end of every year, place all household paperwork into a 9x12 envelope and keep with your tax paperwork.

Find filing storage – filing cabinet, bins, boxes – then discipline yourself to file all “necessary” paperwork every week. Once all is organized, filing should take 10 minutes or less.

Corral those household manuals into one place. Write the date of purchase and staple your receipt to the front of the manual. Go online and register your purchase – if suggested. Once a year go through the manuals and recycle those no longer needed.

If you keep a lot of records online, simply create a filing system of household folders and place in each folder (utilities, maintenance, car, projects, etc.) for each year.

Check out Pinterest for hundreds of personal file organization tips.



Make your home on Planet Earth be the best it can be. You can make that happen with easy steps you can implement every day.

Add reusable eating utensils to carry with you. Use bamboo, steel or silicone straws.

Keep reusable bags in your car for groceries. Compact bags are great for small purchases.

Pick up trash while enjoying outside activities.

Participate in meatless Mondays. Enjoy some plant-based recipes.

Unsubscribe to catalogs and opt-out of junk mail. Go from paper bills to online billing.

Invest in good water bottles to replace plastic. Use glass containers for leftovers instead of plastic.

Buy local food. Farmers markets will be popping up in the next weeks and months.

Take shorter showers, turn off lights, recycle whenever you can.

Recycle or donate electrical devices that are broken, outdated or no longer useful.



This **Spinach Apple (or Pear) Salad** will keep you coming back for more!

- Toast walnuts or pecans while you're preparing the salad.
- Core apples and pears and cut into thin slices.
- Combine 3 cups of baby spinach and 3 cups of baby mixed greens.
- Place greens on plates/bowls and top with apples, pears and walnuts/pecans.
- Serve with your favorite balsamic dressing.
- For an extra pop, add cubed Manchego cheese.



April is known as Tax Month and you'll want to be sure to get your taxes in on time. Did you know the IRS offers free tax return preparation for qualifying taxpayers? It's the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and it's for:

- ✓ People who make \$58,000 or less
- ✓ Persons with disabilities
- ✓ Limited English-speaking taxpayers

They also offer the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program that offers free help to those 60 years of age and older – especially if you have questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to that age group.

All the VITA/TCE volunteers who prepare returns must take and pass tax law training that meets or exceeds IRS standards. Go to the IRS.gov website for more information.



April Foolery

Unscramble the letters below to make 5 words related to April Fool's Day. Then unscramble the letters in the blue squares to answer the question.

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K E J S O

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QUESTION:

In which Country did April Fools' Day originate?



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