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Happy Holidays, Neighbors!

The annual AHA Holiday Party is Saturday, December 13, 7 to 10 p.m., at 52 Welles Avenue, hosted by Lex Stevens and David Stitt. Please bring a holiday dish to share; non-alcoholic beverages are provided. Please note that the party is for adults. Come celebrate the season, meet new neighbors, and catch up with folks you haven't seen in a while.

Another highlight of the season is the annual Peabody Square Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 29, at Ashmont Station Plaza. Come at 7 p.m. for refreshments, thanks to the Ashmont Grill, Dunkin Donuts, Flat Black Coffee Company, and Tavolo Ristorante. Holiday music, including some sing-alongs, will be provided by the Smooth Sounds, the All Saints Choir's new a capella group, and performers from the Fiddlehead Theatre, the resident company at the Strand Theatre. The holiday trolley arrives around 7:30, when we'll light the tree and hand out goody bags for kids. It's a wonderful gathering for neighbors of all ages.

Thanks to Jay and Sheila Larson for hosting the very well-attended October meeting, to the Ashmont Grill for donating the tasty mac-and-cheese, and to all the neighbors who brought such delicious desserts.

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CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS Tree Lighting Preparations

Get in the spirit early! Come help decorate Peabody Square with greens, bows, ribbons and lights on Saturday, November 22, at noon. Volunteers also will be stuffing the goody bags on Tuesday, November 25, at 6 p.m., in the St. Mark's Area Main Street (SMAMS) office at 1914 Dorchester Avenue, in The Carruth facing Ashmont Station. Everyone's help would be welcome.

Holiday Craft Fair December 13

Find unique, affordable gifts at the Dorchester Arts Collaborative's third annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 13, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Codman Square Library. Dorchester artists and craftspeople will be selling jewelry, pottery, ornaments, prints, paintings, notecards, and more. Kids can select a free gift or two to give to their family. Also at the fair: the popular Bird Street Boys Glassworks, selling pieces they have made as participants in the Bird Street Community Center's glassblowing program at Diablo Glass School in Roxbury. They love to talk about their work, and what they create is beautiful and reasonably priced.

Library Open House

The Codman Square Library holds its Holiday Open House from 1 to 4

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**Ashmont Hill
Holiday Party**
Saturday, December 13
7 - 10 p.m.
52 Welles Avenue,
home of Lex Stevens & David Stitt
Bring a holiday dish to share

Community Calendar

Yard waste collection continues
Regular trash days
through November 29

Free hatha Yoga
Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m.,
thru December 16
Fields Corner Library

Decorate Peabody Square
Saturday, November 22, 12 noon
At the Sleeping Moon

Goody Bag Stuffing
Tuesday, November 25, 6 p.m.
SMAMS Office in The Carruth

Peabody Square Tree Lighting
Saturday, November 29, 7 p.m.
Ashmont Station Plaza

**Fairmont Corridor Accelerator
Meeting**
Monday, December 1, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Erick Jean Center for the Arts,
157 Washington St.

Ashmont Hill Book Group
Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m.
113 Ocean St.

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The Ashmont Hill Association

was established in 1970. A non-profit 501(c)3 organization, its mission is to provide a forum to enhance the quality of life in and around Dorchester's historic Ashmont Hill neighborhood by fostering a strong sense of community among all residents.

We welcome news items of neighborhood interest, space permitting. Submissions (no longer than 250 words and including a contact name and phone number) should be sent to P.O. Box 240217, Dorchester, MA 02124, or left on the Message Line. We reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity and length.

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p.m. on December 13, in conjunction with the Craft Fair, with refreshments and activities for kids. The Craft Fair and Open House are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Codman Square Library.

DHS Holiday Open House

The Dorchester Historical Society's Holiday Open House, on Sunday, December 14, 2 to 4 p.m., celebrates the season with music, refreshments, and the 1806 William Clapp House in full festive splendor. Find the perfect present in the Gift Shop, from reproduction Dorchester Pottery fruit plates, mugs and trivets, t-shirts and aprons, to books about Dorchester's people and history. At DHS Headquarters, 195 Boston Street.

"Winter Stars" Concert

Boston City Singers presents their annual "Winter Stars" concert on Saturday, December 20, at 7 p.m., at St. Ann Church, 243 Neponset Avenue. The program brings together more than 100 young people from BCS's Dorchester divisions to lift the holiday spirit through singing and drumming. The groups include the Music on Wednesdays Training Chorus, Cantare, Tour Choir, BCS Fellas, and the World Rhythm Ensemble. Donations accepted at the door. Info: www.bostoncitysingers.org.

Lessons & Carols at All Saints

The Parish of All Saints presents "A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, December 21, at 4 p.m. Come hear readings and music for the season in the beautifully restored church. The Choir of Men & Boys will perform works by Biebl, Darke, Rachmaninov, Victoria, and others. For more information, visit allsaints.net.

October Meeting Notes

There was a moment of silence at the start of the meeting to note the passing of Mayor Menino. Lianne Ames, Pat Burson, Charlie Holmes, David Mooney, and Vicki Rugo were elected

to the AHA board for the coming year. On the Dot Books, which started as a "pop up" bookstore at this year's Farmers' Market, is now located at Dot2Dot Cafe. Owner Yooree Losordo offers an eclectic mix of books and is happy to order books for you.

C-11 Captain Richard Sexton spoke on several topics of concern to neighbors. **House breaks:** Daytime break-ins have not occurred in a while, but everyone should continue to be vigilant. After a nighttime break-in on Ashmont Street, video at an ATM, the recovery of the homeowners' stolen car, and other forensic evidence led to the arrest of the perpetrator, who lives very nearby. **Kids:** The sometimes problematic behavior on Ashmont Street is also seen in Fields Corner and other sections of Dorchester. A police car is at Ashmont Station every morning and afternoon (late morning on Wednesday); plain clothes and uniformed officers and members of the youth violence task force are also deployed. A juvenile officer works with school administrators. Social media is monitored to identify possible trouble spots. There have not been as many problems with fights as previously. Police try to balance working with the kids and not criminalizing behavior of younger kids. (Keith Love from Tech Boston Academy was unable to attend the meeting, but he will be contacted if student behavior warrants.) **Ashmont Station:** The area sees drug activity because of its easy access; police continue to make frequent drug arrests. BPD works closely with the T police. In the two recent shooting incidents near the station, shooters were caught and arrested within minutes. Cameras are strategically placed in the area and have been useful. **Communication:** Call 911 for all incidents; call Officer Keaney to report non-emergency/nuisance situations and also for updates on any situation: 617-343-4524. A call to 911 can be anonymous if you request it. "Be nosy." Question someone if

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About the Neighborhood

For Artists and Entrepreneurs

Artists and entrepreneurs considering an enterprise that supports the creative economy in the Fairmount Corridor (the Indigo Line of the T that has new stations in Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan) are eligible to apply for the Fairmount Corridor Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator. This program can help with a business plan, gaining access to funding, and more. Network and learn more on Monday, December 1, 6 - 7:30 p.m., at the Erick Jean Center for the Arts, 157 Washington Street. Info: J Gustavo, 617-372-2228; RSVP to Liora Beer, beer@morpheus.org.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

The next Book Group meeting is Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m., at 91 Alban Street, hosted by Florri Aversa. We'll be talking about *This House of Sky: Landscapes of a Western Mind*, by Ivan Doig. On January 7, at 7 p.m., we'll meet at 113 Ocean Street, home of Jill Carrier, to discuss *Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to His Children*. All are welcome; info: klil@hotmail.com or call the Message Line.

AHCM Announces 2015 Concert Series

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music will present three concerts in the coming year. The season opens with the Borromeo String Quartet performing Beethoven and Schubert, on Sunday, January 25, 3 p.m., in the newly renovated Peabody Hall at All Saints Ashmont. Next will be "A Baroque Duo," with violinist Robert Mealy and harpsichordist Avi Stein, on Saturday, April 25, 3 p.m., also at All Saints Ashmont. The series is capped off with "Dorchester Rising Stars," a benefit concert with cellist Tony Rymer (of Ashmont

Hill) and pianist Phoung-Nghi Pham, on Saturday, June 27, at 5 p.m., at the home of Nancy Anderson, 31 Ocean Street. Info/tickets: www.ahchamber-music.org or call Christina Keefe, 617-680-7542.

Thanks, and Help Wanted

Many neighbors faithfully deliver the *Ashmont Outlook* to all of us each month; the newsletter wouldn't get out without them: Jeff Calish, Bob Chapin, Marion Diener, Alta Espinal, Joe Gildea, Deb Hall, Margaret Lamb, Adam Lewis, Seater O'Hara, Judy Planchon, and Leah Rodriguez. **A neighbor (or two) is needed to deliver the *Outlook to Alban Street* each month. Will you help?** A packet of newsletters would be brought to your door, usually on a Wednesday morning, to be delivered by the end of the week. Perhaps a couple of Alban Street neighbors could divide the street or do alternate months. Contact Vicki Rugo, 617-480-5673 or vickirugo@mac.com to volunteer or ask questions.

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they are unfamiliar. It was suggested that we invite the new Captain at District B-3 (west of Washington Street) to a future meeting.

Matt Zahler and Chris Stanley from Trinity Financial gave an update on the Ashmont Tire Transit Oriented Development of condos, rental units, and retail. Changes have been made to the project based on feedback from the community, the BRA, and the Civic Design Committee. Parking at the rear of the building has been replaced by green space to be used by the residents; additional parking will be gained by the removal of the bus stop in front of the site. Parking garage access will be from Mercier Avenue. Sidewalks will have raised planters, permeable paving, and bump-outs at the corners for pedestrian safety. The building exterior has been refined; entries for owners and tenants are equal in size. Conver-

sations with potential businesses are ongoing for the three retail spaces. Trinity is exploring ways to provide several units for people with neurological diseases. Another year is needed for permitting and finishing the design, with construction taking about 22 months. [Update: the BRA and Zoning hearings expected to take place in November were postponed to work out more details.] Contact Mathieu Zahler, 617-720-8400 ext.254 or mzahler@trinityfinancial.com, with questions or to be put on their mailing list.

Codman Square Library

690 Washington Street
617-436-8214

Janice Knight, head librarian
Chris Strunk, children's librarian

Monday & Thursday 12-8
Tuesday & Wednesday 10-6
Friday & Saturday 9-5

After-school crafts with Sherry Eskin:
Tuesday, 12/2 and 12/9, 4 p.m.

Holiday Open House: Saturday, 12/13,
1 - 4 p.m.

Family Craft Night with Michele
Brooks: Thursday, 12/18, 6 p.m.

Preschool storytime: Tuesdays @ 11
a.m., Fridays @ 10:30 a.m.

Preschool films: Fridays @ 11a.m.

Baby storytime: Fridays @ 2 p.m.

All activities free and drop-in.



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Community Calendar

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Codman Square Library

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From the President

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Happy and safe holidays to all from the AHA Board.

David Mooney

President, Board of Directors
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Household Help Wanted

Older couple seeks on-call help with household chores, such as moving furniture. Good pay for occasional service on your schedule. Contact Tom Bouliane, 26 Mellen Street, 617-825-4548, TBouliane@comcast.net.

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