

ASHMONT OUTLOOK

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Here Comes Summer!

Warm thanks to Ina Nenortas for hosting the May meeting; it was lovely enjoying the breeze on her porch! AHA's next meeting is on Thursday, June 23, in the carriage barn at 49 Roslin Street, hosted by Mike and Carole Horne. This is our annual Ice Cream Social. Come for ice cream at 7; the meeting will begin at 7:30.

Shelly Goehring, from the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, and Jeff Gonyeau, preservation consultant, will be at the meeting to talk about the Community Preservation Act, which is on the ballot in November for Boston voters to decide if the city should participate. If passed, a 1% surcharge on property tax bills would allow Boston to receive state matching funds for affordable housing, open space acquisition, recreation improvements, or historic preservation. Here's a change to learn more.

Also, Kama Lord and Andrea Wong will present the Ashmont Valley Neighborhood Association's ideas for a Fall harvest party at the Unity Club in October, to see if Ashmont Hill neighbors would like to join them in putting it on.

AHA won't meet in July or August. Have a safe and relaxing summer. We'll see you around the neighborhood...and in September.

Vicki Rugo
for the AHA Board



The Ashmont/Peabody Square Farmers Market begins its eighth season on Friday, June 24, at 3 p.m., on Ashmont Station Plaza, with the official ribbon-cutting at 4 p.m., accompanied by lively music from the inimitable Second Line Brass Band. Market hours are 3 – 7 p.m., every Friday through October 14.

Returning vendors include **Spring Brook Farm** of Littleton, selling fruits, veggies, eggs, honey, preserves, meat, and other items, and Dorchester's own **Cedar Grove Gardens**, which will be there on alternate weeks with a selection of fresh flowers, plants, and gifts. New this year are **Oakdale Farms** from Rehoboth, with produce, eggs, meat, and more; **Foxboro Cheese Company**, known for their Fromage Blanc and their Asiago raw milk cheese; **home.stead bakery & cafe** from Fields Corner; and **The Ancient Bakers**, with vegan baked goods. Still

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Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

Thursday, June 23,
7:30 p.m.

49 Roslin Street,
hosted by Mike & Carole Horne
Come at 7 for ice cream sundaes!

Agenda

- Community Preservation
- Act presentation
- Ashmont Valley Fall
- Party presentation

Community Calendar

Peabody Square Enhancement Meeting

Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Guild Hall, All Saints Church

Codman Square Farmers Market

Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.;
art project at 1 p.m.
Weekly through October 22
Codman Commons, Codman Square

Health/Wellness & Job Fair

Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Carney Hospital Main Lobby

Summer Solstice Garden Tour

Sunday, June 19, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Melville Park neighborhood

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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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pending are Red's Best Seafood and The Daily Table. On the Dot Books and Dot Art, Lisa G. Creations (pottery), A Touch of Silva (jewelry), live music, and other activities will round the market experience. And the red Adirondack chairs will once again be set out on the plaza for neighborhood socializing.

The Farmers' Market accepts credit and debit cards as well as SNAP/EBT. Boston Bounty Bucks will match up to \$10 of produce purchases made with a SNAP/EBT card each week. "Like" Ashmont/Peabody Square Farmers Market on Facebook to keep current on vendors and special activities and events. Info: www.greaterashmont.org or 617-825-3846.

May Meeting Notes

C-11 CSO Mike Keaney reported an incident on Bailey Street where drug buyers were set up by sellers (marijuana) with the intention of robbing them; both buyers suffered gunshot wounds. A drug buyer from Harwich met a seller (known to police) at Ashmont and Alban; police found 29 bags of heroin and a gun in the car. In the incident on Washington Street where a woman was grazed by a bullet, all parties (shooter and intended targets) have been identified and a 22-year-old charged. Lt. Richard Driscoll, who is covering for Capt. Connolly while he recovers from a bicycle accident, said that the incident has been given high priority and the case has gone to a grand jury. He said C-11 is working to keep traffic flowing around the Ashmont Tire construction site. A neighbor asked about noise and disruption after parties at the VFW and the general concern about the "dead spot" on Bailey Street; better lighting and security cameras could help address the situation. Also bike and foot patrols. Re: the perennial issue of noisy minibikes, over 50cc's they must be registered; while police

won't pursue them, call 311 to report large numbers in a single location. The C-11 Bike Rodeo is Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the McKeon Post on Hilltop Street; come for hot dogs and burgers, kids' bike helmets (while supplies last), raffle of four new bikes, bike safety for kids, and fingerprinting of children will be available.

District 4 City Councilor Andrea Campbell noted that her office has been working with Lt. Driscoll on problem properties and other safety issues; she plans to schedule a meeting with civic association leaders, police, ISD, and other agencies to address problems and issues of public safety in a holistic manner and develop an action plan. In general, she is looking for more creative ways to engage residents. She also talked about the pilot body camera program, which has general support among residents although with some concerns; the pilot program would be city-wide. Andrea presented Seater O'Hara with a City Council resolution in recognition of her 80th birthday; Vicki Rugo presented Andrea with a bouquet of flowers in honor of her recent marriage. Andrea can be reached at 617-635-3131 or andrea.campbell@boston.gov.

Joe Gildea was unable to attend either the Yard Sale or the meeting as he is recovering from minor surgery, but he reported that AHA will receive close to \$560 after all expenses are paid. Thank you, Joe, as always, for your great work! The Tedeschi's chain has been bought by 7-Eleven; there is concern that 7-Eleven wants all its new stores, including Peabody Square, to be open 24 hours. Neighbors at the meeting were not in favor of such a change. Civic groups around Peabody Square are monitoring the situation. Also, the so-called NStar lot south of The Caruth, now owned by Feeney Bros. Construction, had been used as a construction yard (not allowed under zoning) but was recently cleaned up. Greater Ashmont Main Street is talking with

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About the Neighborhood

Special Meeting Guest

Former long-time neighbor Lee Etter, who lived at 75 Ocean Street with her late husband, Larry, for 18 years before they moved to Florida in 1985, will be at the Ashmont Hill Association meeting on June 23. Larry died last year, but Lee continues their long tradition of traveling to her home in Nova Scotia every summer, with stops along the way to visit family and friends, including regular visits to Ashmont Hill.

1943 Dot Ave Follow-up

The second BRA community meeting on the Peregrine development proposal for 1943 Dorchester Avenue (the Odwin property) was held on June 1. The comment period closes on Friday, June 17; go to www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/projects/development-projects/1943-dorchester-avenue for project information and to comment. Comments may also be sent to BRA project director John Campbell at 617-918-4282 or john.campbell@boston.gov.

Peabody Square Reinvestment

Greater Ashmont Main Street has \$35,000 for reinvestment and enhancement of the plazas by the Peabody Square Clock and the Ashmont Grill. See current proposals for various ways to improve these spaces and help narrow the choices and prioritize phasing, on Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the Guild Hall at All Saints Church.

Health, Wellness & Job Fair

The Vietnamese Health Collaborative and community healthcare partners will provide free health screenings, health education, demonstrations, and activities for all ages, on Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., in the main lobby of

Carney Hospital, 2100 Dorchester Avenue. A job fair is also part of the event, with local employers looking to hire for dozens of jobs across a range of positions.

Garden Tour

A Summer Solstice Garden Tour on Sunday, June 19, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., will feature ten gardens in the Melville Park neighborhood. Tickets, \$50, are available at Cedar Grove Gardens, 911 Adams Street, or on Melville Avenue at the path to the Shawmut T station 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the day of the tour. Proceeds benefit Dorchester Park.

Why Mentoring Matters

Representatives from Silver Lining Mentoring will be at the Codman Square Library on Monday, June 27, 6 – 7 p.m., for a conversation on youth in foster care and how mentoring can impact a young person's future. No special background is needed to be a mentor, just a desire to be a supportive, consistent presence to a child who needs a stable adult figure. Mentors are required to commit to spending one evening a month for a year with their mentee and must be at least twenty-one years old. They are specifically looking for male mentors, mentors with out-of-home care experience, and mentors who identify as people of color. TO RSVP: call 617-391-9066 or email: mentor@silverliningmentoring.org

Free Yoga in Fields Corner Library

The free summer session of Integral Yoga Hatha at the Fields Corner Library, led by Alicia Zipp, begins on Tuesday, July 5, 6:30 – 8 p.m., and runs for six weeks through Tuesday, August 9. Also, as part of the library's summer wellness series, there will be a session at noon on Friday, July 15. Then as part of the International Day of Yoga, co-hosted by the library, an outdoor class will be held on Tuesday, June 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Field.

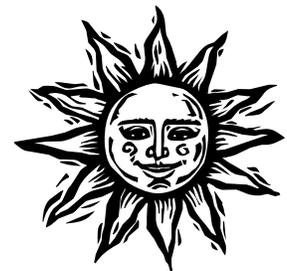
Ashmont Hill Book Group

The next Book Group meeting is Wednesday, July 6, 7:15 p.m. at 39 Roslin Street, hosted by Judy Planchon. The book for July is *The Red Coat: A Novel of Boston*, by Dolley Carson, set in the city during the 1940s and '50s. There's no August meeting; the book to read over the summer is *Truman* by David McCullough. Book Group meets the first Wednesday of the month; join us! Info: klil@hotmail.com.

House Tour a Success!

This year's Dorchester House Tour, on Sunday, June 12, brought more than 400 visitors to Ashmont Hill; an additional 100 people volunteered in participating homes and at All Saints Church. While many visitors were from Dorchester, they also came from other Boston neighborhoods and nearby suburbs. Some had family connections to the neighborhood, while others had recently moved to Dorchester. People also came from farther away: from Salem, Concord, Bedford, Whitman, West Newbury, and Newport, RI, to name a few. Visitors were delighted with the neighborhood and appreciated the friendliness of everyone they met. The Dorchester Historical Society board thanks everyone who said hello to visitors on the street, volunteered, took the tour themselves, or opened their homes.

— Earl Taylor, president, Dorchester Historical Society



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Community Calendar

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**Ashmont/Peabody Square
Farmers Market**

Friday, June 24, 3 – 7 p.m.;
ribbon cutting at 4
Weekly through October 14
Ashmont Station Plaza

**Mentoring Youth
in Foster Care Program**

Monday, June 27, 6 – 7 p.m.
Codman Square Library

Free Hatha Yoga

Tuesday, July 5, 6:30 – 8 p.m. thru Aug. 9
also Friday, July 15, 12 noon,
Fields Corner Library
and Tuesday, June 21, 6:30 p.m.,
Town Field.

**Ashmont Hill
Book Group**

Wednesday, July 6, 7:15 p.m.
39 Roslin Street

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them about their plans for the property. Rep. Russell Holmes commented on the pending transparency and transgender bills, which he supports.

— Lianne Ames, note taker

**CODMAN SQUARE
FARMERS MARKET**

Codman Square Farmers Market opens for the season on Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at Codman Square Commons, the corner of Talbot Avenue and Washington Street. The market offers locally grown fruits and veggies, local bread, dairy products, natural beauty products, live entertainment handmade jewelry, food demonstrations, and more. Opening day features a Community Paint Day, starting at 1 p.m.; a local artist will conduct a guided painting class for families to create their own works of art, with all supplies provided. Suggested donation \$5 per family. The market runs weekly through October 22.

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

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Tuesday & Wednesday 10-6
Friday & Saturday 9-5

Baby storytime: Tues., 11 a.m.;
Friday 2 p.m.

Lego Club: Tuesday, 2 p.m.

School kid's book club: Thursday, 4 p.m.

Preschool storytime: Friday, 10:30 a.m.

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