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June is Bustin' Out

Thanks to Bob and Vicki Rugo for hosting the April meeting and to everyone who attended.

The next AHA meeting will be on Thursday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m., at 60 Alban Street, hosted by Gary and Andrea Barsomian-Dietrich. On the agenda: Charles Yancey, who currently represents City Council District 4 and is running for re-election, and Patricia Lampron, principal of the Henderson K12 Inclusion School, who will give an update on the Henderson's expansion from an elementary school to a kindergarten-grade 12 school.

Also on the agenda is Anthony Stankiewicz, Esq., the Chief Advancement Officer/Chief of Staff at the Codman Square Health Center, who will talk about the Health Center's plan to sell the Odwin property at 1943 Dorchester Avenue, opposite the Carruth building, to one of two developers. (See page 2 for more information on this matter.) Come to this meeting to learn more and express your views.

David Mooney

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Dorchester Rising Stars

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music showcases two talented young musicians from Dorchester, Tony Rymer, cello, and Phuong Nghi Pham, piano, at a benefit concert on Saturday, June 27, at 5 p.m. Julie Burros, Arts and Culture Chief for the City of Boston, and State Senator Linda Dorcea Forry will be special guests. The concert and reception following will take place at the Carriage House at 31 Ocean Street, the home of Nancy Anderson. The concert program includes works by Bach, Brahms and Prokofiev.

Tony Rymer grew up on Ashmont Hill and started playing cello at age five. Phuong Nghi Pham began piano lessons at age five in Vietnam and moved to the United States with her parents in 2004. Both musicians have won numerous prestigious competitions and scholarships and have performed on NPR's "From the Top" as well as with well-known artists, ensembles and orchestras. Tony is currently a Master's student at the Hanns Eisler Hochschule für Musik in Berlin. Phuong Nghi attends Amherst College.

Tickets are \$100; proceeds benefit the programs of Ashmont Hill Chamber Music. Advance ticket purchase is recommended as seating is limited. To order tickets or for more information, go to www.ahchambermusic.org or call 617-680-7542.

Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

Thursday, May 28
7:30 p.m.

60 Alban Street
hosted by

Gary & Andrea Barsomian-Dietrich
Supper at 7, desserts appreciated

Agenda:

City Councilor Charles Yancey
Patricia Lampron, Henderson K12
Inclusion School
Anthony Stankiewicz, Codman
Square Health Center

Community Calendar

Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*

Friday, May 29, 7:30 p.m.;

Sat, May 30, 2 p.m.

Strand Theatre, Uphams Corner

Free Hatha Yoga

Tuesdays, June 9 - 30,

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Fields Corner Library

Boston City Singers

"Sing All Together"

Sunday, May 31, 3 p.m.

Strand Theatre, Uphams Corner

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Wednesday, June 3, 7:15 p.m.

42 Ocean Street

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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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CSHC Weighing Developers' Plans for Odwin Property

Several years ago the Codman Square Health Center purchased the former Odwin Learning Center at 1943 Dorchester Avenue, across from the Carruth building, for some of its programs. They have decided to put the property on the market instead. After receiving expressions of interest from some 30 parties, they have narrowed down the list of potential buyers/developers to two. The Health Center leadership is interested in receiving community input regarding these two proposals prior to making a decision. The two developers are 1) a joint venture of the Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation and VietAID, and 2) the Peregrine Group LLC.

The CSNDC/VietAID proposal is for 35-40 affordable rental units for low- and moderate-income households in a five-story building, with retail space at street level. Construction would be financed through government funding sources. Both non-profit organizations have experience developing affordable housing in Dorchester; CSNDC has developed some 1,300 apartments mainly around Codman Square, and is currently in the running for several other projects, while VietAID has been the developer for several projects in Fields Corner and elsewhere. Both organizations provide social services and other services as well. Info: www.csndc.com and www.vietaid.org.

The Peregrine Group proposal is for 35-40 rental units at moderate market-rate rents, aimed at young professionals and empty-nesters; 15 percent of the units would have affordable rents as required by law. Their building would also be five stories with retail space at street level. The project would be privately financed through bank resources and private investors. Based in Rhode Island, Peregrine has developed a number of residential projects and is currently creating market-rate

rental housing as well as commercial/retail/restaurant space in and around the historic electric substation in Roslindale Village. Info: www.peregrinegrp.com.

Anthony Stankiewicz, Esq., Chief Advancement Officer and Chief of Staff for the Health Center, will speak at the May 28 AHA monthly meeting to explain the Health Center's process and hear neighbors' views on the two proposals. This is a follow-up to a May 12 community meeting on the proposals at Epiphany School, to provide further opportunity for neighbors to learn about the proposals and offer their input. Comments should be submitted to Mr. Stankiewicz at anthony.stankiewicz@codman.org or by mail to him at the Codman Square Health Center, 637 Washington Street, Dorchester, MA 02124. **NOTE: The deadline for submitting comments is Sunday, June 7.**

April Meeting Notes

C-11 Community Service Officer Mike Keaney reported a quiet month except for several recent robberies and car break-ins. C-11's family-oriented Bike Rodeo is Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Florian Hall on Hallet Street, with a free bike raffle, free bike helmets, food, and more.

Marva Serotkin, executive director of The Boston Home, described the Harmon Apartments (named in honor of the Home's founder) that TBH proposes to build to serve people with neurological diseases such as MS who are able to live independently with support and accessibly-designed housing. Of the 39 units, six would be market-rate rentals, the rest would be affordable rentals. TBH would like to make all units available to people with disabilities; the realistic goal is 70%. Financing would be through tax-credits and other public funding sources. Set into the sloped site, the building would be four stories fronting directly on Dorchester Avenue, and three stories towards Range Road. Mature trees would be retained and supplemented to provide a

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About the Neighborhood

36th Annual Yard Sale Report

Yard Sale impresario Joe Gildea reports that there were 58 selling locations with a total of 74 participants in this year's sale. After expenses are covered, \$479.72 will be added to AHA's treasury. A million thank-yous to Joe for putting together this very successful event!

Boston City Singers News

Dorchester's own Boston City Singers are among the finalists on WGBH's "Sing That Thing!" series that showcases amateur singing groups in Greater Boston. Watch the season finale on Channel 2 on Friday, May 22, at 8 p.m., to learn the results. BCS also presents "Singing All Together!" featuring 200+ young singers ages 4-18 on Sunday, May 31, 3 p.m., at the Strand Theatre in Uphams Corner. Donations will support the scholarship fund.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, June 3, 7:15 p.m., at 42 Ocean Street, hosted by Vicki Rugo. The book for June is *Julia Child: A Life*, by Laura Shapiro. Book Group meets the first month of the month except in August; all are welcome. Info: klil@hotmail.com or call the Message Line.

Farmers' Markets Ready to Sprout

The Codman Square Farmers' Market opens on Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Codman Commons, and runs weekly through October 24. Silverbook Farm is offering full, half, and quarter Farm Shares; by purchasing a share, you will be supporting local agriculture and will have the first pick of their produce delivered right to Codman Square. Go to



AHA Clean-up

Thanks to all the neighbors who participated in the annual clean-up and photo!

www.farmigo.com/join/silverbookfarm/summer2015 for details. Info: codman-squaremarket@gmail.com or 617-407-5347.

The Ashmont/Peabody Square Farmers' Market opens on Friday, June 26, 3 - 7 p.m., on Ashmont Station Plaza, and runs weekly through October 16. Most of last year's vendors are returning, plus some exciting newcomers, to offer a wide selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables and more. Info: office@smams.org or 617-825-3846.

Epiphany School Update

As neighbors learned at the April AHA meeting, Epiphany School plans to build an early learning center and graduate support space on the grounds of the former Industrial School for Girls on Centre Street and to renovate the 1859 school building for faculty housing. Construction is expected to start in the spring of 2016, with completion a year later. Anyone interested in an update on the project is invited to the home of Catherine Bell and Maddie Ribble, 233 Centre Street, on Saturday, June 6 at 2 p.m., where Epiphany's architect will be available to answer questions. Comments may be sent to

Head of School John Finley, 617-326-0425 x206 or jfinley@epiphanyschool.com.

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buffer to nearby homes. The project is in the BRA review stage; BRA and zoning approval will be required. Go to www.thebostonhome.org for project details. Submit comments to John.Campbell@boston.gov and mserotkin@thebostonhome.org. **The official BRA comment period ends June 1.**

Andrea Campbell, candidate for Boston City Council District 4, which includes Ashmont Hill, discussed her candidacy. She was inspired to serve by her difficult childhood and the death of her twin brother, who had a long criminal record but died of natural causes several years ago; she wondered how two people with the same early experiences could take such different paths. Andrea graduated from Boston Latin School, Princeton University, and UCLA law school; after returning to Boston she worked for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and the Patrick administration. She has done a

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Community Calendar
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Dorchester Day Parade
Sunday, June 7

Codman Square Farmers' Market
Opens Saturday, June 20,
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
thru October 24
Codman Commons

AHA Monthly Meeting
Thursday, June 25, 7:30 p.m.
Location TBA

Ashmont/Peabody Square Farmers' Market
Opens Friday, June 26, 3 - 7 p.m.
thru October 16
Ashmont Station Plaza

"Dorchester Rising Stars" Concert
Saturday, June 27, 5 p.m.
31 Ocean Street

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five-month listening series with voters in the district; she has learned that people want safe, walkable communities and green spaces, want to be listened to and involved, and want to know their neighbors. She wants to build partnerships to bring in services; she says she will work hard for the community, attend meetings, and be available and responsive. District 4 covers a large area, encompassing most of Ward 17 plus two small sections of Jamaica Plain and Roslindale.

Meghan Overton is resigning as executive director of St. Mark's Area Main Street to take a planning position in Colorado, effective in mid-May. An interim director has been identified and a formal search is underway.

— Lianne Ames, notetaker



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