

ASHMONT OUTLOOK

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Happy Spring!

Many thanks to Gretchen and Miguel Suarez for hosting the February meeting.

The next AHA meeting is on Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., at 60 Ocean Street, hosted by Katie and Travis Lee. Supper at 7, as always. On the agenda: Susan Cascino, Recycling Policy Director in the Office of the Environment, to talk about Boston's Zero Waste Plan; Joe Katusich, the new Service Leader at the Martin Richard Foundation, with information about the Foundation's initiatives and plans for One Boston Day; and James Hobin from the Boston International High School in Dorchester, who seeks AHA's support for the installation of a mural by his students in Ashmont Station. We'll also hear from Matt Thayer from American Provisions, recently opened in the Treadmark building, and Elle Ducheine and James Guerrier from the new Ripple Cafe in the Caruth.

Thanks to Pat Burson, David Mooney, and Leo Bray, who delivered the *Ashmont Outlook* to Alban Street neighbors for many years. And welcome to Alban Street neighbor Colin Reed, who has stepped up to cover that route.

Dicki Rugo
for the AHA Board



About the Neighborhood

Don't Forget the Chili!

A reminder that the Dorchester Chili Cook-off is this coming Sunday, March 24, from 4 to 7 p.m., at IBEW Local 103, 256 Freeport Street. AHA has teamed up with American Provisions, and we are looking forward to a friendly competition with neighborhood groups, restaurants, and other organizations, as well as many varieties of chili to sample. The event is family-friendly fun for all, and the IBEW has ample parking. Tickets are \$20/adult, \$30/family up to four, \$5 for each additional child. Proceeds benefit the Dorchester Day Parade.

Violin Recital

Violinist Tessa Lark performs on Sunday, March 24, at 4 p.m., in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church, presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music. She has been praised for her astonishing range of sounds, technical agility, and musical elegance. A budding superstar in the classical realm, she is also a highly acclaimed fiddler in the tradition of her native Kentucky. The wide-ranging program includes Stravinsky: Suite Italienne; John
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Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting Thursday, March 28 7:30 p.m.

60 Ocean Street
hosted by
Katie & Travis Lee
Light supper at 7,
desserts appreciated

Agenda:

- Susan Cascino, Boston's Zero Waste Plan
- Joe Katusich, Martin Richard Foundation
- James Hobin, Boston International H.S.
- Matt Thayer, American Provisions
- Elle Ducheine and James Guerrier, Ripple Cafe
- C-11 Report
- New Business, Announcements

Community Calendar

Winter Farmers Market
Saturdays through March 30
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Great Hall, Codman Square

AHA Cleans Peabody Square
Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m.
and every fourth Saturday

Dorchester Chili Cook-off
Sunday, March 24, 4-7 p.m.
IBEW Local 103, 256 Freeport 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 of neighborhood interest, and will include it based on appropriateness and available space. Submissions no longer than 250 words, with a contact name and phone number, should be sent to info@ashmonthill.org. We reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity and length.

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February Meeting Notes

Foster Parenting: Michelle Braxton and Belinda Williams from the Hyde Park office of the Department of Children and Families spoke about the need for foster parents in Dorchester and the process involved in getting approved, trained, and supported (by advocates, support groups, social workers) when you have foster children. Babies, teens, and siblings most often need foster parents. The average stay is six months to a year. Children all have MassHealth insurance. Many children have been affected by the opioid epidemic, including substance-exposed babies; foster parents are given support in caring for them. Foster parenting is very rewarding so please consider it. If you are interested, contact Michelle at 617-363-5021 or michelle.Braxton-Johnson@MassMail.State.MA.US

Sen. Nick Collins: In the new legislative session, he is chair of the Export Development Committee, vice chair of the bonding and healthcare committees. He's against the MBTA fare increase unless there is a plan to upgrade; T should look at non-fare revenue sources such as air rights, similar to Hudson Yards in NYC, building on a deck over train tracks, which would alleviate the housing crisis and put density near transit. He is also working on blue-collar job growth and building pathways for diverse groups to get good jobs. Electric buses? perhaps in 10 years. Linkage fees paid by developers and used for affordable housing haven't kept pace with real estate activity; bill should be passed to increase fees and add funds for public health and education. No, Madison Park HS will not be closed.

Rep. Russell Holmes: A priority for the state Democratic Party is to make sure everyone is counted in the 2020 Census; Massachusetts probably won't lose a House seat (lost one in 2010) but we want to be sure MA gets the Federal revenue it deserves (MA sends in more in taxes than comes back as it is). At a meeting in Codman Square on

youth and gun violence there was discussion about grant money for preventive events and victim support; a \$10 million grant will be used to directly address those who are gang-involved. Discussion about SMILF tax credits (note: show was subsequently canceled). He believes we should raise the gas tax; noted that no one ever said they wanted less service on the T. Everyone wants more but no one wants to pay for it; people (i.e. voters) outside Boston think Boston gets everything, but Boston is also the biggest revenue and job generator. Important to encourage diversity in ownership of new projects; UMass Bayside development team a good example.

C-11 Report: A large fight among girls broke out on Feb. 4 at Ashmont and Burt; one girl took another girl's phone, the phone was found, the girl was charged. A drug arrest on Bailey Street on Feb. 8 yielded three bags of crack cocaine. Otherwise a quiet month.

Other: Ashmont Street neighbors continue to work on approaches to students and street safety along Ashmont Street. The AHA Board is submitting a "Love your Block" mini-grant application to the City to replant the Alban/Welles/Talbot sidewalk garden. The grant would be for \$1,250; some additional fundraising would be needed in the neighborhood to carry out the plan designed by neighbor Maryellen Sullivan. Joe Gildea reminded everyone that the Yard Sale is on Saturday, May 18; details next month.

— Lianne Ames, *notetaker*



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Violin Recital

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Corigliano: STOMP; Michael Thurber: Violin Sonata; and Beethoven: Sonata No. 9 “Kreutzer.” Tickets: adult/\$25; student/\$18; EBT card holder/\$3; children under 13 free; at the door or at ahchambermusic.org.

All Saints Spring Concert

Soprano Sylvia Schranz and organists Andrew Sheranian and Ross Wood will perform works by Bonnal, Franck, de Grigny, Messiaen, and Vierne on Sunday, March 31, at 4 p.m., in the sanctuary at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont Street. Free admission, \$10 suggested donation.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group’s next meeting is on Wednesday, April 3, at 7:15 p.m., at 113 Ocean Street, hosted by Jill Carrier, to discuss *Small Country* by Gaël Faye, a novel about a boy’s coming of age during the mid-1990s Tutsi genocide. Book Group meets the first Wednesday of the month; all are welcome. Info: klil@yahoo.com.

World Premier

On Sunday, April 7, at 4 p.m., in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church, Hub New Music gives the world premiere of a new work by Kati Agócs’, commissioned by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music for the ensemble. Praised as “one of the brightest stars in her generation of composers” (Audiophile Audition), Agócs and Hub New Music have enjoyed years of collaboration that began during the ensemble’s fledgling seasons at the New England Conservatory, where the composer serves on the faculty. Additional works on the program by Matthew Aucoin and Judd Greenstein complement Agócs’ strikingly lyrical compositional voice. Tickets: adult/\$25; student/\$18; EBT card holder/\$3; children under 13 free; at the door or at ahchambermusic.org.

Peabody Square Spring Cleanup

Head to Ashmont Station Plaza on Saturday, April 13, at 9 a.m., to help with Greater Ashmont Main Street’s Peabody Square Spring Cleanup. We’ll pick up litter, remove graffiti, plant annuals in the T’s planting bed on the plaza, and generally freshen up the Square. Wear comfy clothes and bring garden gloves if you have them; we’ll be done by noon.

Looking for Your Roots?

Curious to discover more about your family history, but have no idea where to start? Wondering how to organize all those photographs and documents you’ve acquired as you’ve been researching your roots? Come to the Dorchester Historical Society for help! On Sunday, April 14, at 2 p.m., genealogist Eileen Curley Pironti will use examples from her research on four generations of Dorchester’s Clapp family to provide tips and answer questions about how to make your research both interesting and rewarding. The program is free and open to the public (donations welcome), at the William Clapp House, 195 Boston Street. Eileen is a genealogist at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston; she and her husband, Paul, have been caretakers of the William Clapp House since 2015.

Way to Go, Bears!

Congratulations to the TechBoston boys’ basketball team, who won their second straight MIAA Division 2 state championship on Saturday, March 16; they had never won the championship before last year. And cheers to the neighbors who put up congratulatory signs along Ashmont Street to welcome the students the Monday after the game.

AHA’s Peabody Square Monthly Cleanups Resume

Now that it is spring (isn’t it?), Ashmont Hill’s monthly cleanup of

Peabody Square, on the fourth Saturday of the month, resumes on Saturday, March 23, at 9 a.m. We focus on the plazas by the Clock and by the Ashmont Grill. All willing hands are welcome; bring gloves, clippers, etc., if you have them. Stay for an hour or stay for less, it all helps. Thank you!

Landlord/Tenant Webinar

The Office of the Attorney General is holding a free webinar on Landlord/Tenant Rights and Responsibilities on Tuesday, April 9, 10:30–11:30 a.m., to explain the laws and regulations that govern all aspects of rental agreements. The program will outline rental agreement considerations as well as the rules regarding types of tenancies, payments, evictions, habitable living conditions, and housing discrimination. Register at <https://ltwebinar.eventbrite.com>. Questions or comments: AGOCCommunityEngagement@State.MA.US.

Standish Village Invites its Neighbors

Many events at Standish Village in Lower Mills are open to the public. In April, neighbors are invited to watch the Sox Home Opener on their big-screen TV, on Tuesday, April 9, 2 p.m., complete with peanuts, popcorn, and Crackerjacks. On Saturday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m., the Downtown Crossing Barbershop Quartet performs, and entertainer Holly Sommers makes her Standish debut. On Monday, April 22, at 2:30 p.m. Local artist Stacey Kushner will present her “Masterpieces of Dutch Art” lecture on Thursday, April 25, at 2 p.m. Standish Village, the assisted living and memory support community, is located at 1190 Adams Street.



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Community Calendar

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Peabody Hall, All Saints Church

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Dorchester Historical Society,
195 Boston Street

AHA Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.

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

"She-Merchants of Boston" presentation: Sat,
March 23, 1 p.m.

Kids' Cooking Program: Thursday, March 28,
4 p.m.

Baby Storytime: Sat., March 30, 11 a.m.

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