

ASHMONT OUTLOOK

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Here Comes Summer!

Thanks to Gary and Andrea Barso-
mian-Dietrich for hosting the May
meeting and to everyone who partici-
pated in the discussion about the
Odwin property.

The next AHA meeting is on Thurs-
day, June 25, 7:30 p.m., at 97 Ocean
Street, hosted by Bob MacEachern.
This will be our annual "Ice Cream
Sundae" meeting, with a brief agenda
including comments from District 4
City Councilor Charles Yancey. We'll
start scooping ice cream at 7; cookies
or brownies would be a welcome
accompaniment.

Please note the Department of
Neighborhood Development's meeting
on June 30 regarding development pro-
posals for 719 Washington Street,
which was just announced. (See page
3.) DND has tried several times over
the years to identify a viable purchas-
er/developer for this property that is
acceptable to the community. Plan to
attend the meeting to hear the develop-
ers' presentations and weigh in with
your views.

AHA will not meet in July or
August. On behalf of the AHA board,
have a safe and pleasant summer.

David Mooney

President, Board of Directors
Ashmont Hill Association



The Ashmont/Peabody Square Farm-
ers' Market begins its seventh season
on Friday, June 26, at 3 p.m., on Ash-
mont Station Plaza, with an official rib-
bon-cutting at 4 p.m. Market hours are
3 to 7 p.m., every Friday through Octo-
ber 16.

New to this year's market is Lanni
Orchards, Inc., from Lunenburg,
founded in 1963 by Pasquale Lanni
and his sons and now operated by third
and fourth generation members of the
Lanni family. They grow their own
apples, peaches, pears, corn, squash,
strawberries, blueberries, raspberries,
and more, and offer other Massachu-
setts-made products as well. In addi-
tion, Dorchester-based Zuki Foods will
be at the market periodically to sell
their "Zuki," made from adzuki, a nat-
urally sweet, low-fat legume originally
from the Himalayas that is turned into
a delicious spread for snacking and

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Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

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

97 Ocean Street,
hosted by Bob MacEachern
Come at 7 for ice cream sundaes!

Agenda

District 4 City Councilor
Charles Yancey

Community Calendar

Free Hatha Yoga

Tuesday June 23, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 11, 18 & 25, 12:30 - 2 p.m.
Fields Corner Library

Codman Square Farmers' Market

Saturday, June 20,
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Every Saturday thru October 24
Codman Commons

Ashmont/Peabody Square Farmers' Market

Friday, June 26, 3 - 7 p.m.
Every Friday thru October 16
Ashmont Station Plaza

"Dorchester Rising Stars" Concert

Saturday, June 27, 5 p.m.
31 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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Farmers' Market

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baking. Other vendors will be announced as the season progresses.

Returning vendors include Spring Brook Farm of Littleton, selling fruits, veggies, eggs, honey, preserves, and other items; the very popular Red's Best Seafood, which sells wild-caught seafood sourced directly from the boat; swissbäkers, a family-owned business that offers a tasty selection of breads, cookies, and other bakery items; and Dorchester's own Cedar Grove Gardens, with a selection of fresh flowers, plants, and gifts.

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: office@smams.org or 617-825-3846.

May Meeting Notes

Mary Beth Alger from Ashmont Hill Chamber Music encouraged neighbors to attend the "Dorchester Rising Stars" concert on Saturday, June 27. Tricia Lampron and Councilor Charles Yancey were unable to attend due to last-minute schedule conflicts.

Tony Stankiewicz from the Codman Square Health Center spoke about the health center's plan to sell the Odwin property on Dorchester Avenue. When the property was purchased in 2010, it was envisioned as a mini-clinic or other satellite space, but the building proved to need extensive repairs and was not ADA-compliant. The focus then shifted to building the addition to the health center's main facility, which had to be done quickly for funding purposes.

Earlier this year, the real estate committee recommended that the Odwin property be sold. Working with a development consultant, the committee considered proposals from 30 potential developers and narrowed the field to two finalists, both of which would pro-

vide 34-36 housing units with ground-floor commercial space that would be partially occupied by the health center. The Codman Square NDC/VietAID proposes to build affordable family housing, and the Peregrine Group proposes to build moderate market-rate housing to appeal to young professionals and empty-nesters, with 5 affordable units as required by law. Presentations are being made to all the neighborhood organizations around Peabody Square to solicit feedback regarding the two options. The real estate committee will meet after the comment period closes (June 7) to review comments, weigh other factors, and make a decision. The developer chosen will then follow the formal community process that is required by the BRA.

In the discussion that followed, questions, issues, and concerns raised by neighbors included the concentration of affordable housing in this part of Dorchester, the desirability of having a balance and diversity of incomes and housing choices, the wish for more neighborhood shops and restaurants and more residents to support them, and the difference in the amount of time it would take to get the project into construction. Tony encouraged everyone to email their comments and concerns to him by June 7.

—Lianne Ames, note taker

CODMAN SQUARE FARMERS MARKET

The Codman Square Farmers' Market opens for its eighth season on Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Codman Commons, and runs weekly through October 24. The market provides the community with fresh local produce, added value products from local vendors, education on nutrition, and information about the community. EBT, WIC, Senior Coupons, and debit/credit cards accepted. Info: codmansquaremarket@gmail.com or 617-407-5347.

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About the Neighborhood

Dorchester Rising Stars

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music showcases two talented young musicians from Dorchester, Tony Rymer, cello, and Phuong Nghi Pham, piano, at a concert on Saturday, June 27, at 5 p.m. The concert and reception following will take place at the Carriage House at 31 Ocean Street, the home of Nancy Anderson. The program includes works by Bach, Brahms and Prokofiev. Tony Rymer, who grew up on Ashmont Hill and started playing cello at age five, is currently a Master's student at the Hanns Eisler Hochschule für Musik in Berlin. Phuong Nghi Pham, who began piano lessons at age five in Vietnam and moved to the United States with her parents in 2004, attends Amherst College. Tickets are \$100; proceeds support the programs of Ashmont Hill Chamber Music. For tickets or info: www.ahchambermusic.org or 617-680-7542.

719 Washington Street Developer Proposal Presentations

The Department of Neighborhood Development is holding a community meeting on Tuesday, June 30, at 6 p.m., where potential developers of the city-owned property at 719 Washington Street, the former gas station at the bottom of Roslin Street, will present their proposals. To view the proposals, which include two residential developments, a roofing company, and a mechanical contractor, go to <http://courbanize.com/dnd-719-washington-street/> and click "Information & Plans." DND project manager is Christopher Rooney, 617-635-0493 or christopher.m.rooney@boston.gov.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, July 1, at 7:15 p.m., at 22

Harley Street, hosted by Lil Konowitz. The book for July is *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. Looking ahead, the book for September will be *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson. Book Group meets the first Wednesday of the month; there is no meeting in August. All are welcome. Info: klil@hotmail.com or call the Message Line.

The Black Community in Colonial Dorchester & Boston

Historian Alex Goldfeld will explore what is known about Sebastian Kane, Dorchester's first black landowner, and other people of African descent in a predominantly white colony, at a talk at the Fields Corner branch library, 1520 Dorchester Avenue, on Tuesday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m. He will also share his original research on Boston's "New Guinea" neighborhood, as well as the history of black life in Dorchester, Roxbury, and other parts of New England over three centuries ago. Info: 617-436-2155.

Fresh Fridays in August

Enjoy a Friday evening out, with fun for the whole family. The Dorchester Community Food Co-op presents the fourth season of "Fresh Fridays: A Global Fusion of Taste and Sound," from 6 p.m. to dusk, on August 7, 14, 21, and 28, at the corner of Bowdoin and Topliff streets. Enjoy a seasonal dinner and music; \$10 suggested donation, but pay what you can; kids are free. Info: <https://dotcommcoop.wordpress.com/calendar/>

Convergence Ensemble Recital

Convergence Ensemble member Henry Shapiro will present a solo piano recital, to take place in early September at a local venue, to raise funds for the 2015-2016 concert season. Headed by long-time Ashmont Hill resident and Artistic Director Rachel Goodwin, Convergence is one of Boston's newest musical perform-

ance groups, featuring violin, percussion, oboe, spoken word, and classical voice. The musicians in the group share the vision of creating unusual musical programming for urban settings, offering challenging and compelling concerts featuring seldom-heard instrumental and vocal works as well as the classics of chamber music literature. Info or to make a contribution: www.convergenceensemble.org.

ADSL Registration Still Open

There is still time to register your child for the All Dorchester Sports League's Wood Bat (ages 8-10) and City-wide (ages 10-12) leagues. Register online or download a form at www.alldorchesterports.org, or register in person at ADSL's office, 1565 Dorchester Avenue in Town Field. Info: 617-287-1601 or alldotsports@verizon.net.

Susan Garber

Long-time Ashmont Hill neighbor Susan Garber died on May 16 of cardiovascular disease, at the age of 65, just a couple of weeks after she and her husband, Roy Bishop, had relocated to Key West, Florida, a place where Susan had long dreamed of living for its architecture, culture, history, and climate. A native Bostonian and loyal Patriots fan, Susan was director of public art at the Institute of Contemporary Art in the 1970s, managed projects for the City of Boston, the state, and the Boston Redevelopment Authority, and later worked in information technology. Most recently, she volunteered at the Museum of Fine Arts as a guide for visitors with disabilities. In the early 1980s Susan directed the then-fledgling Main Street program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which works with local communities to revitalize their traditional commercial districts; our own St. Mark's Area Main Street is a participant in that program. An avid reader, Susan was a founding member of the Ashmont Hill Book Group, which first met in 2007 and has met monthly ever since.

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Fields Corner Branch Library

"Fresh Fridays" Dinner & Music

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6 p.m. to dusk
Bowdoin & Topliff streets

Leaf and Yard Waste Collections

The new schedule for leaf and yard waste for composting continues, with collections on regular trash days the weeks of July 13, August 10, September 14, and October 12. Place leaves and yard debris in large paper bags or open barrels labeled "yard waste;" bundle branches (3' max. length, 1" max. diameter). No plastic bags; no branches in barrels. **Place at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular trash day.** Leaf and yard waste placed curbside on non-collection days will not be collected.

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