

# ASHMONT OUTLOOK

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## Now It's Really Spring!

Many thanks to Gary and Andrea Barsomian-Dietrich for hosting the March meeting, and a special welcome to the new neighbors who were there.

The next AHA meeting is on Thursday, April 27, 7:30 p.m., in the carriage house at 60R Ocean Street, hosted by Milo Stella and Eli Pimentel. On the agenda: Jenny Silverman will give an update on the Dorchester Food Co-op, which has been in the planning stages for several years and is on its way to finding a home; Adam Jankauskas, from City Compost, will talk about his company's program, which converts household food scraps to compost, benefiting the environment, the community, and the participants; and we'll have the usual C-11 monthly report and other announcements and new business.

There's lots going on in the month ahead, from the neighborhood photo and clean-up, to the yard sale, to several concerts, to the monthly AHA meeting, and much more. Whether you've just arrived or lived here for years, monthly meetings and other activities are an easy way to get to know your neighbors and to learn what's going on in Ashmont Hill and beyond. We invite and encourage you to get involved!

*David H. Mooney*  
for the AHA Board



## Yard Sale Number 38!

The Ashmont Hill Yard Sale, the neighborhood's longest-running tradition, returns on Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost to participate is still \$20 per location, plus \$10 for each additional household. There are special "kids-only" rates, and family or friends are welcome to join you. The fees underwrite the extensive advertising that gets the word out throughout the Boston area and also pay for maps provided at every location, all orchestrated by yard sale guru Joe Gildea. If you have limited items to sell, Joe suggests that you team up with a neighbor for maximum appeal. Contact Joe at 617-288-6626 or cadmanjoe@aol.com to sign up to sell. **Sign-up and payment deadline is Saturday, May 13.**

Be sure to invite your family, friends, and colleagues to the Yard Sale. It's the perfect time to enjoy Spring on Ashmont Hill—the beauty of our surroundings and the friendliness of our community. And there are always bargains to be found!

## Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 27  
7:30 p.m.

60R Ocean Street  
hosted by

Milo Stella & Eli Pimentel  
Supper at 7, desserts appreciated

### Agenda:

Dorchester Food Co-op Update  
City Compost  
C-11 Monthly Report  
Announcements, New Business

## Community Calendar

### Jason Palmer Quartet

Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m.  
Peabody Hall, All Saints Church

### AHA's Monthly Peabody Square Cleanup

Saturday, April 22, 9:30 a.m.  
Meet in front of Ashmont Grill

### "Building a People's History" Conversation

Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. - 12 noon  
Dorchester Historical Society,  
195 Boston St.

### "Characters from The Old Overholt"

Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m.  
Dorchester Historical Society,  
195 Boston 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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## Smile & Clean Up, Before We Welcome Shoppers!

Let's give Ashmont Hill one last touch-up before the Yard Sale. On Saturday, May 13, at 9 a.m., we'll start off with the annual Ashmont Hill neighborhood photo, and coffee and donuts, at 71 Ocean Street (the Hough/Lind household). Then stick around if you can to help with the Neighborhood Cleanup as part of Boston Shines (now called Love My Block). The City of Boston provides some tools and gloves, but bring your own if you have them. We'll focus on the Alban/Welles and Ashmont/Burt gardens and any other areas that need attention. Or simply clean the curb on your own street. Place trash bags in easy-to-spot locations so Public Works can collect them. (Note: This is a **trash cleanup only, not for yard waste.**) Bring your family and your neighbors; the more, the merrier!

## March Meeting Notes

Bailey Street neighbor Carl Baty talked about a survey that he and others are conducting with local neighborhood groups to see how the built environment impacts health over time. The results will help guide future investments by the Healthy Neighborhoods Equity Fund being created by the Conservation Law Foundation and other partners to invest in high-impact development projects. Copies of the survey were distributed to attendees and the results tallied; the results indicated that health was most impacted by how people had met their own life priorities, and were in keeping with survey results from other local groups.

The executive director of the Martin Richard Foundation spoke. The Foundation, established by Martin's parents after his death in the bombing at the April 15, 2013 Boston Marathon, invests in education, athletics, and community, and has contributed nearly a quarter million dollars in the community. The Foundation is sponsoring One Boston Day in Dorchester on Saturday,

April 15, with a community-wide day of service focused on Dorchester Avenue. (Ed. note: At least 400 people showed up to volunteer.) The Foundation is also spearheading the creation of Martin's Park in the Seaport District near the Children's Museum, which will be designed to be enjoyed and accessible by all; fundraising is underway, with groundbreaking hoped for in June and completion in a year.

An Ashmont Street neighbor expressed concern about ongoing issues with teenage students who are aggressive and destructive. Eli Pimentel from Councilor Campbell's office said she would follow up.

Leslie Jackson from the Ashmont Valley Neighborhood Association reported that the joint Slow Streets application is ready to be submitted tomorrow. The application is very thorough, with an area map, narratives, information on speed checks, and numerous letters of support. It's reported that at least 12 submissions have been received.

Eli Pimentel reported that the Council was beginning to develop guidelines for membership on the committee that will make decisions about Community Preservation Act funds; another issue is under what City department the committee will be placed. The next meeting of the committee on public safety and criminal justice is also coming up.

—Leo Bray, note taker

## All Dorchester Sports League News

ADSL registration is now open for baseball, softball, and basketball. Baseball starts May 6, with four leagues for kids ages 5-15. Softball starts May 6, with four leagues for kids ages 5-16. Basketball starts May 13, with two leagues for kids ages 7-14. Visit [alldorchesterports.org/programs](http://alldorchesterports.org/programs) to register or get more information.

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## About the Neighborhood

### Jazz in the 'Hood

On Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m., Greater Ashmont Main Street and Mandorla Music Series present the Jason Palmer Quartet in Peabody Hall, All Saints Ashmont, 209 Ashmont Street, as a co-produced Dorchester spring arts event for our Boston Main Streets district. The \$15 door cost includes dessert from Homestead bakery & cafe and non-alcoholic beverages; wine will also be available. Trumpeter Jason Palmer is becoming one of the most in-demand musicians of his generation; he has performed with both jazz legends and top contemporary players. For this show, he'll be joined by Domi Degalle on keyboards, Jared Henderson on bass, and Lee Fish on drums. It's a great chance to gather for live music with your friends and neighbors close to home!

### Ashmont Hill Chamber Music Concert

Haitian-American violinist, composer and performer Daniel Bernard Roumain ("DBR") is a rising star in the music world. On Sunday, April 23, at 4:30 p.m., hear both acoustic and electronic violin as he performs his "Redemption Song and Sonata," which he describes as "a musician's view on civil rights around the world." Project STEP students will also perform DBR's Rosa Parks Quartet. Reception follows. The concert takes place in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont Street. Tickets: \$25 (3+ people family rate \$35), at [www.ahchambermusic.org](http://www.ahchambermusic.org) or at the door.

### "Beyond the Buzzwords"

St. Mark's Area Civic Association is hosting a forum subtitled "Shaping the Future of Housing & Development in Dorchester" on Tuesday, May 2, 7 - 9 p.m., in St. Marks Church Lower Hall,

1725 Dot Ave. It is billed as an opportunity to learn about the forces driving growth in Dorchester and the wider region, hear how city and state leaders are responding, and discuss ways residents can help shape a strong and vibrant neighborhood. Panelists include State Senator Linda Dorcea Fory; Tim Reardon, Director of Data Services at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council; Jim Keefe, Principal, Trinity Financial; John Greely, Director of Development Review, BPDA; Cecilia Nardi, Dorchester Planner, BPDA; and Tom Callahan (moderator), Mass. Affordable Housing Alliance. RSVP is encouraged at <http://tinyurl.com/DotHousingForum>.

### Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, May 3, 7:15 p.m., at 85 Ocean Street, hosted by Pat Curran. The book for May is *White Teeth* by Zadie Smith. Looking ahead, the book for June is *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl*, by Timothy Egan. Book Group meets the first Wednesday of the month; all are welcome. Info: Lil Konowitz, [klil@yahoo.com](mailto:klil@yahoo.com).

### Convergence Ensemble Concert

Convergence Ensemble presents a string quintet of international stars on Sunday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church. The musicians, from Spain, Taiwan, Korea, and the US, include Miguel Pérez-Espejo Cárdenas and Hsin-Lin Tsai (violin), Michelle LaCourse and Hye Min Choi (viola), and Hyun Ji Kwon (cello); the program features Brahms String Quintet in F, Mozart Duos for Violin and Viola, and a piece by little-known 20th century Spanish composer Joaquín Turina. Tickets: \$25/adults, \$30/family, \$20 seniors, \$10/student, at <http://bpt.me/2919889> or at the door. Info: [info@convergenceensemble.org](mailto:info@convergenceensemble.org) or 617-288-3697.

### Dorchester Historical Society Programs

**"Building A People's History of Dorchester"** Sustaining our communities and supporting active citizenship requires that we understand and share our histories. On Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Dorchester History Initiative invites Dorchester residents for a conversation about what histories they would like to know about and explore. Refreshments will be served. DHI is a collaboration of DHS, the City Archivist, and UMass Boston.

**Characters from *The Old Overholt*** On Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m., author and Dorchester native Michaela Casey will talk about the development of her characters, based on Dorchester models, in her new book, *The Old Overholt and Other Stories*, which was inspired by her father, the late Thomas Casey (1914-2009), a long-time Dorchester civic and parish leader.

Both programs take place at DHS Headquarters, 195 Boston Street. They are open to public and free of charge.

### Codman Square Health Center Programs

**Come Together: A Forum to Discuss Healing from Substance Use as a Community Speakers** will include members of the Health Center's Substance User Health Team and members of the community. Held on Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre, 14 Epping Street. Refreshments will be served. Info: Molly Dugan, 617-822-8778.

**Breast Cancer: Myths & Facts** Bring your mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, and girlfriends to unravel the myths and facts about breast cancer, on Wednesday, May 10, 12 noon - 1 p.m., in Conference Room A at the Codman Square Health Center, 637 Washington Street. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public. Info/RSVP: Athene Wilson-Glover, 617-822-8147 or [athene.wilson-glover@codman.org](mailto:athene.wilson-glover@codman.org).

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## Community Calendar

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Sunday, April 23, 4:30 p.m.  
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### CSHC Breast Cancer Myths & Facts

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Health Center Conf. Room A

### Neighborhood Photo & Cleanup

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Meet at 71 Ocean Street

### Convergence Ensemble Concert

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### Ashmont Hill Yard Sale

Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Throughout the neighborhood

## Music at Standish Village

On Monday, April 24, 6 p.m., the Benjamin Young Jazz Duo from Berklee College of Music performs. On Wednesday, April 26, 2 p.m. Ririka Tokushige, a graduate of Berklee College of Music, will present a program of Japanese music on a number of wind instruments. Neighbors are always welcome to attend performances at Standish Village Assisted Living and Memory Support Community, located at 1190 Adams Street in Lower Mills.

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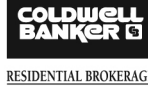
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