

ASHMONT OUTLOOK

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April Showers & Early Spring Flowers

Thanks to hosts Lex Stevens and David Stitt and to everyone who attended and brought tasty desserts to the March Meeting. It was great to see so many neighbors staying afterwards to chat.

AHA's March meeting is on Thursday, March 24, at 35 Roslin Street, at 7:30 p.m., hosted by new AHA board member Shawn Duhamel and his wife, Nicole. On the agenda: Tom Piatt, of Piatt Associates, will present their proposal to build eight three-bedroom rental apartments and ground-floor commercial space at 719 Washington Street, the former gas station property at the bottom of Roslin Street that is now owned by the City. Piatt received preliminary developer designation from the Department of Neighborhood Development in October; they will be asking for AHA's support when they go before the Board of Appeal later this spring.

A number of local development projects are moving right along. We encourage everyone to attend any or all of the community meetings listed to the right, to ask questions, offer input, and get the latest details.

Dicki Rugo
on behalf of the Ashmont Hill
Association Board

Local Developments Moving Along!

719 Washington Street

In addition to the presentation at the March 24 AHA meeting, neighbors have two other opportunities to learn about this development proposal. First, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services has organized a meeting for abutters to hear from the developers on Tuesday, March 22, at 6 p.m., at the Great Hall in Codman Square. Abutters are defined as anyone living within 300 feet of a property, and they will receive direct notification of this meeting, but anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. In addition, the developers will present the project at the Codman Square Neighborhood Council's monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 6, at 7 p.m., also at the Great Hall.

Ashmont TOD2 (Ashmont Tire)

Trinity Financial will hold a community meeting in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont Street, on Thursday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. Trinity closed in late January on all the financing necessary to construct the project, which includes both rental and condominium apartments, and street-level commercial space, and preliminary work has begun on the site. They plan to go over the project schedule, discuss points of contact for (continued on page 2)

Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

**Thursday, March 24
7:30 p.m.**

35 Roslin Street

hosted by

Shawn & Nicole Duhamel

Supper at 7, desserts appreciated

**On the Agenda: Tom Piatt of
Piatt Associates
re: 719 Washington Street**

Community Calendar

Final Winter Farmers Market

Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Great Hall, Codman Square

719 Washington Street Abutters Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 6 p.m.
Great Hall, Codman Square

Free Hatha Yoga

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
April 6 - May 31
Fields Corner Library

Family Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m.
Dot Park at the tennis courts

Ashmont TOD2 Community Meeting

Thursday, March 31, 6:30 p.m.
Peabody Hall, All Saints Church

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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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Local Developments

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construction-related questions, and talk about the plan for local hiring.

Odwin Learning Center

A Boston Redevelopment Authority-sponsored community meeting about the Peregrine Group's plans for the Odwin property, 1943 Dorchester Avenue across from The Carruth, will be held on Monday, April 4, 6:30 p.m., at Epiphany School, 154 Centre Street. Last October the Codman Square Health Center selected Peregrine to be the developer/buyer of its property. The development is required to go through the BRA's Article 80 small project review process, which includes meetings to allow for public input. Peregrine's proposal is for 64 units of entry-level market-rate rental housing and one street-level commercial space. Epiphany School is next to the Shawmut T station; parking is available at the school.

February Meeting Notes

C-11 Police Report: Three individuals were arrested for the January robbery at Rosario's Market on Talbot Avenue and additional incidents. A 39-year-old Dorchester man was arrested in possession of hallucinogenic mushrooms. On February 18 around midnight, two individuals fired multiple shots at several people on Bailey Street, then fled the scene by car with two others. (The targets, who were unharmed, may have been known to the shooters.) Neighbors called in a description of the car, which enabled police to stop the vehicle on Gallivan Boulevard. Ultimately, three guns, ammunition, marijuana, pot, and cocaine were recovered; two of the four people were charged, one of them 15 years old. The C-11 drug control unit observed a drug exchange in the Dunkin Donuts parking lot; the two individuals arrested are both known to police.

Neighbor Nancy Anderson, who is deputy director of the Mayor's Office

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of Emergency Management, gave out Ready Boston tote bags and radios and discussed OEM's responsibilities, which include working with Metro-Boston Homeland Security, sharing intelligence, training for emergencies, providing shot spotters and police radios, and arranging for emergency shelter. Text 888777 to receive notifications of weather alerts and parking bans.

Vicki Rugo reviewed the status of several local development projects. The Boston Home has received necessary approvals for construction of a free-standing building for independent living for people with MS. A three-story, 18-unit apartment complex at 8 Banton Street has received BRA approval and should start construction by the end of the year. [See page 1 for meetings re: other projects.]

There was more discussion about installing a public toilet on Ashmont Station Plaza. Other types of facilities such as the Portland Loo, just installed in Cambridge, seem preferable, but the City is locked into a contract with the current provider. Ultimately, everyone agreed that the North Plaza was not an appropriate location for any facility. Dave Cotter from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services will pass this view along to Peter O'Sullivan, who is responsible for street furniture in the city.

Dave Cotter encouraged people to participate in upcoming Boston 2030 discussions. David Mooney invited neighbors to suggest topics/speakers for future AHA meetings. Joe Gildea reported that the Ashmont Hill Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 21; sign-up details in the next Outlook.

— Lianne Ames, notetaker



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Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your kids to the annual Dorchester Park Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday morning, March 26. The tennis courts are the starting point; the hunt starts at 10 o'clock sharp and things happen fast!

Cold Night/Hot Stove '16

"Heat up with disco fever" at All Dorchester Sports League's annual fundraiser on Saturday, April 2, 7 - 11 p.m., at the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 4, 50 Park Street. Enjoy raffles, games, auction, cash bar, and music. Tickets available at the door, at www.alldorchestersports.org, and at 617-287-1601.

AHCM Piano Recital

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music presents pianist George Li, silver medalist in the 2015 International Tchaikovsky Competition and currently a student at Harvard, in a recital on Sunday, April 3, at 3 p.m., in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont Street. The program will include works by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, and Liszt. Tickets are \$25/adult, \$18/student, and 12 and under/free; to purchase, call 617-827-7857, go to ahchambermusic.org, or pay at the door.

Coattails & Cocktails 2016

Celebrate St. Mark's Area Main Street's 16 years of organizing and support of our Dorchester Avenue business district on Sunday, April 3, 7 - 11 p.m., at Tavolo Ristorante, 1918 Dot Ave. SMAMS' major fundraiser features cocktail music, a photo booth to document your "creative black tie optional" elegance, Tavolo's tasty offerings with passed champagne, samplings from Boston Harbor Distillery, cash bar, and silent auction. Father Dan

Finn, former pastor at St. Mark Church, will be recognized for his vision and dedication 17 years ago in championing the neighborhood as a Main Street district. PLUS the organization's new name and logo will be revealed. Cost is \$75 before April 1, at www.smams.org/tix, by mail to SMAMS, 1914 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester 02124, or \$90 at the door if available. Info: office@smams.org or 617-825-3846.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

The next Book Group meeting is Wednesday, April 6, 7:15 p.m., at 52 Alban Street, hosted by Deb Rodman. We'll be discussing *Emma* by Jane Austen. The book for May is *A Fort of Nine Towers* by Qais Akbar Omar; the book for June is *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George. Book Group meets the first Wednesday of the month; all are welcome. Info: klil@hotmail.com.

Father & Son Recital

All Saints organist and choirmaster Andrew Sheranian and his father, Dr. Michael Judd Sheranian, will present a free recital of works for violin, voice, and organ, at All Saints Church on Sunday, April 10, at 4 p.m.; a reception follows.

Visit EMK with DHS

Join one of Dorchester's oldest institutions to pay a visit to its newest! The Dorchester Historical Society is marking the birthday of Edward Everett, one of Dorchester's most prominent citizens of the 19th century, with special guided tour of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U. S. Senate on Sunday, April 17, at 1 p.m. Edward Everett (1794-1865) had a long career in public service, including in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Adjacent to the JFK Library on Columbia Point, the EMK Institute uses interactive technology and role-playing to explain the role and history of the Senate and encourage participatory democracy. DHS has

arranged for a group rate of \$8 per person; tickets available at www.dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org, advance purchase required.

Neighborhood Flashlight Walk

The Ashmont Valley Neighborhood Association is holding a Flashlight Walk on Wednesday, April 20, at 7 p.m., starting at the corner of Washington and Fuller streets. The group wants to encourage residents to meet their neighbors, get to know local police officers, and become involved in the community together. All neighbors are invited to bring a flashlight and join the walk.

"Go Bags" for Pets

The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management has free "Go Bags" with emergency supplies for pets. To request one, please contact Ocean Street neighbor Nancy Anderson at nancy.anderson@boston.gov or 617-635-1400.

ADSL Spring Signups

All Dorchester Sports League opens registration for Softball and Baseball in April, with age groups for boys and girls 5 to 15. Register in person at the ADSL office, 1565 Dorchester Avenue in Town Field, or online at alldorchester.sports.org. Info: 617-287-1601.

New Cafe in Town

home.stead bakery & cafe opened recently in the Lenane Building at the intersection of Dorchester Avenue and Adams Street in Fields Corner. The seasonal menu includes baked goods, sandwiches, salads, soups, sides, and kids' menu, plus all types of hot and cold beverages. The owners, long-time Dorchester residents Elise and Vivian Girard and Jack Wu, hope the cafe will become a gathering space for art, music, and other community activities. The cafe opens early (6:30 a.m.) on weekdays and stays open late (10 p.m.) on Friday and Saturday; go to dorchesterhomestead.com for details.

Community Calendar

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ADSL Cold Night/Hot Stove

Saturday, April 2, 7-11 p.m.
IUEC Local 4, 50 Park Street

AHCM Piano Recital

Sunday, April 3, 3 p.m.
Peabody Hall, All Saints Church

Coattails & Cocktails

Sunday, April 3, 7-11 p.m.
Tavolo Ristorante

BRA Community Meeting: Odwin Property

Monday, April 4, 6:30 p.m.
Epiphany School, 154 Centre St.

Codman Square Neighborhood Council: 719 Washington Street Presentation

Wednesday, April 6, 7 p.m.
Great Hall, Codman Square

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Wednesday, April 6, 7:15 p.m.
52 Alban Street #2

Father & Son Recital

Sunday, April 10, 4 p.m.
All Saints Church

DHS Visits EMK

Sunday, April 17, 1 p.m.
EMK Institute, Columbia Point

Neighborhood Flashlight Walk

Wednesday, April 20, 7 p.m.
Corner of Washington & Fuller streets

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