

# ASHMONT OUTLOOK

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## April Showers (or it is March snowstorms?)

Thanks to Mike and Carole Horne for hosting the well-attended February meeting; see meeting notes on page 2.

AHA's next monthly meeting is on Thursday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m., at 60 Roslin Street, hosted by Will and Grace Cleveland. On the agenda: Nastacia Grant-Forbes, a senior economics major at UMass Boston who is interning for the spring at Greater Ashmont Main Street, will talk about the single-use plastic bag ban that will go into effect in Boston next year and her project to get local merchants ready for this change. Krishna Horrigan from Health Resources in Action is recruiting Dorchester residents for an air quality study to learn about how aspects of the home environment affect health. And Eileen Donovan from the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, on Columbia Point, will describe the Institute's programs and volunteer opportunities. C-11 will give the regular monthly report as well. Supper at 7 as always and desserts appreciated.

**Do you live on Talbot Avenue?** The neighbor who has faithfully delivered the *Ashmont Outlook* to Talbot Avenue residents each month for many years is moving. For delivery to continue beyond this issue, we need someone to  
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Greater Ashmont Main Street holds its annual Coattails & Cocktails gala on Sunday, April 8, 7 - 10 p.m., at Tavolo Ristorante, 1918 Dorchester Avenue in The Carruth. Neighbors are invited to a fabulous evening of delicious food and lots of fun, to support and celebrate the work of our local Main Street organization. "Creative black tie" attire is optional.

The evening's events feature cocktail music by local jazz musicians Andy Voelker and friend, on sax and guitar; a look at Greater Ashmont Main Street's past and future; an enticing assortment of silent auction items; and a photo booth by Mike Ritter of Ritterbin Photography, with accessory adornments from Streamline Antiques (feather boa, anyone?). Intrepid local reporter Jennifer Smith, from the *Dorchester Reporter*, will be MC for the evening. Guests will enjoy Tavolo's renowned dinner-by-the-bite, a welcoming glass of prosecco, and non-alcoholic beverages, plus desserts from Steel & Rye, with a cash bar for other cocktail creations.

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## Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 22  
7:30 p.m.

60 Roslin Street  
hosted by

**Will and Grace Cleveland**  
Light supper at 7,  
desserts appreciated

### Agenda:

- Nastacia Grant-Forbes, Greater Ashmont MS
- Krishna Horrigan, Health Resources in Action
- Eileen Donovan, EMK Institute for the US Senate
- C-11 Monthly Report
- New Business & Announcements

## Community Calendar

### DHS Trivia Night

Thursday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Dorchester Brewing Co., 1250 Mass. Ave.

### Winter Farmers Market

Sundays through March 31  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Great Hall, Codman Square

### AHCM Concert: Mana Tokuno

Sunday, March 18, 4 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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### Coattails and Cocktails

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The event is Greater Ashmont Main Street's biggest fundraiser; proceeds help make possible the programs and activities that support and enhance businesses in the district's 1.1-mile stretch of Dorchester Avenue. Tickets are \$80 (\$40 tax-deductible); pay online at [greaterashmont.org/donate/](http://greaterashmont.org/donate/) (you do not need a PayPal account to pay there), pay by phone with credit card at 617-825-3846 during business hours, or mail check to Greater Ashmont Main Street, 1914 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester 02124. The event sold out last year, so do plan ahead!

### February Meeting Notes

James Baker, the developer for 500 Talbot Avenue (Our Saviour's Lutheran Church), gave an update on the project. It will include 40 residential units, 23 parking spaces, and two commercial spaces, one to be used by the church; there is local interest in a "New York-style" grocery or other retail in the commercial space. Working with the church to determine how they would use their space in the building has taken a lot of time; they are now thinking of a coffee shop or co-working space. The project will likely be submitted to the BPDA in April, and their formal process will begin. Project plans and a way to comment can be found at [courbanize.com/projects/talbot/information](http://courbanize.com/projects/talbot/information). You do need to log in to comment.

Allan Robinson and Ashley Yeats of 11R Alban Street presented their plans to remove an existing back deck and replace it with a smaller one that gives better access to their small back patio. They also plan to swap the positions of a window and back door, preserving the double-hung sash, moulding and trim, and to add a window on the south side. The columns and railings of the new deck would reflect the details on the front porch, and the space under the deck would be attractively screened. Their project requires a cou-

ple of variances relating to setbacks from the Board of Appeals; the AHA members present voted unanimously to send a letter of support from the association to the ZBA.

State Rep. Evandro Carvalho, who was running for State Senate to fill Linda Dorcena Forry's seat, introduced himself. He came to the US from Cape Verde at age 15, attended UMass Amherst and Howard University Law School, worked as an assistant district attorney, and was elected state rep in 2014. He wants to give opportunities to troubled youth, opposes mandatory minimums, supports CORI reform, wants more economic development and better transportation in the district, and puts opiate abuse high on the list of concerns. (Note: When Suffolk County DA Dan Conley announced that he would not run for re-election, Rep. Carvalho decided to run for that position instead.)

C-11 Report: The individual responsible for numerous robberies of local businesses over the last couple of months was finally identified, after a lot of good detective work, and was arrested in front of his home while in the process of trying to carjack and rob his drug dealer. Some neighbors had a frightening encounter with someone making a delivery to O'Brien's and reported it to C-11; charges were filed and the individual was expected to lose his job. Several arrests have been made in connection with the death of a young man in Codman Square.

The Ashmont Hill Yard Sale will be on Saturday, May 19. Full details will be in the next *Outlook*, but anyone wanting to sign up early should contact yard sale guru Joe Gildea at 617-288-6626 or [cadmanjoe@aol.com](mailto:cadmanjoe@aol.com).

— Leo Bray, *notetaker*



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## About the Neighborhood

### Ashmont Hill Chamber Music Presents...

**Pianist Mana Tokuno** performs music of Beethoven, Schumann, Takashi Yoshimatsu, and Debussy on Sunday, March 18, at 4 p.m. in Peabody Hall at All Saints' Church. Ms. Tokuno has received widespread acclaim for her sensitive and insightful interpretations and her brilliant virtuosity. Known for her ability to bring a vast array of styles to life, she has performed throughout Europe, and in numerous recitals and chamber concerts in the United States, including at Symphony Hall and Jordan Hall in Boston.

Then on Sunday, April 8, at 4:30 p.m., the **Armida Quartet** performs works by Smetana, Prokofiev, and Beethoven, also in Peabody Hall. This young string quartet, founded in Berlin and already recognized as "one of today's greatest chamber music groups," has toured widely in Europe, has received numerous awards, and performs at All Saints' Church as part of their debut US tour.

Tickets for both concerts are \$25 and are available at the door or at [www.ahchambermusic.org/concerts](http://www.ahchambermusic.org/concerts); children under 13 are admitted free, EBT cardholders \$3 at the door.

### It's Trivial 2!

*The Englewood Diner was a popular spot in Peabody Square for many years. What is the title of the award-winning movie in which it later appeared, and who starred in the movie?* The Dorchester Historical Society challenges you to test your knowledge of all things Dorchester at "Dorchester Trivia Night, Episode II," on Thursday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., at the Dorchester Brewing Company, 1250 Massachusetts Avenue. Put

together a team, compete on your own, or just enjoy the fun. Suggested donation \$5. Sample partner and in-house brews from DBco's Tap Room (cash bar) while you compete or watch.

*Answer: The Road to Perdition (2002), with Tom Hanks, Paul Newman, Daniel Craig, Jennifer Jason Leigh.*

### Meet the Candidates for State Senate

The special primary election for the First Suffolk Senatorial District seat previously held by Linda Dorcena Forry is on Tuesday, April 3. (Ashmont Hill is in that district.) A number of Dorchester neighborhood and civic associations, including AHA, are sponsoring a Candidates Night on Monday, March 19, from 6 to 8 p.m., at First Parish Dorchester on Meetinghouse Hill, to meet the candidates running for that seat: Nick Collins (D), Althea Garrison (I), and Donald Osgood (I). The discussion will be moderated by Jennifer Smith from the *Dorchester Reporter* and will include questions from the audience. Address of the church is 10 Parish Street; there's plenty of parking in the area.

### Alzheimer's Support Group

Community members are welcome to attend the Alzheimer's Support Group on Wednesday, March 21, at 4 p.m., at Standish Village Assisted Living and Memory Support Community, 1190 Adams Street in Lower Mills. Enjoy light refreshments and a chance to share your personal experiences and strategies for communicating with your loved one. The group meets the third Wednesday of the month. RSVP to Julie Platz or Erica Curcio at 617-298-5656.

### Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, April 4, 7:15 p.m., at 85 Ocean Street, hosted by Pat Curran. April's book is *Americanah*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Everyone is

welcome to Book Group, whether you've read the book or not. Info: Lil Konowitz, [klil@hotmail.com](mailto:klil@hotmail.com).

### All Dorchester Sports & Leadership

**Cold Night, Hot Stove Fundraiser**, Friday, March 23, 7 to 10:30 p.m., at First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish Street. Tickets, \$20 (pre-purchase online), \$25 at the door.

**Spring/Summer 2018 Baseball & Softball League Registration**, with programs for all ages, is now open online.

**Spring/Summer Rugby Registration** is also open online, for ages 8 - 10, cost \$40. Season starts April 4 at Town Field.

**Spring/Summer Basketball Registration** is now open online, for ages 7 - 10, cost \$45. Season starts in May at Town Field.

**Summer Enrichment Program Registration** is now open online, for ages 6 -13, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for six weeks, starting July 9. Program cost: \$300 plus \$15 for the required T-shirt. Program includes free lunch and snack each day, weekly field trips, job training opportunities for ages 11-13, plus skill-building activities for math, finance, writing, music and more. Early drop-off and late pick-up options available for small additional fee. Early registration is encouraged, as spaces are limited and fill up quickly.

Go to [www.alldorchesterports.org](http://www.alldorchesterports.org) to sign up, register, pay, and get more information about all ADSL activities; call 617-287-1601 with questions.

### Codman Square Library 690 Washington Street 617-436-8214

Monday & Thursday 12-8  
Tuesday & Wednesday 10-6  
Friday & Saturday 9-5

**Community Calendar**

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**First Suffolk State Senate Candidates Night**

Monday, March 19, 6-8 p.m.  
First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish St.

**Alzheimers Support Group**

Wednesday, March 21, 4 p.m.  
Standish Village, 1190 Adams Street

**ADSL Cold Night, Hot Stove Fundraiser**

Friday, March 23, 7 - 10:30 p.m.  
First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish St.

**AHA Cleans Peabody Square**

Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m. (weather permitting)  
Plaza by Ashmont Grill

**State Senate Primary Election**

Tuesday, April 3, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Ashmont Hill Book Group**

Wednesday, April 4, 7:15 p.m.  
85 Ocean Street

**Free Hatha Yoga**

Wednesday, April 4, 11 and 18  
6:30 - 8 p.m.  
Fields Corner Library

**AHCM Concert: Armida Quartet**

Sunday, April 8, 4:30 p.m.  
Peabody Hall, All Saints' Church

**AHA Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.

**April Showers**

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step into this easy volunteer task. The route is the west side only of Talbot Avenue, between Brent Street and Ashmont Street; it could be covered by one person or shared, whatever works best for those who volunteer. If you can help or need more information, please email [info@ashmonthill.org](mailto:info@ashmonthill.org) as soon as possible. Thank you!

*David H. Mooney*

for the AHA Board

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