

# ASHMONT OUTLOOK



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## Happy Holidays, Neighbors!

Many thanks to Nancy Anderson for hosting the October meeting and welcome to newly elected AHA Board members Leo Bray and Shawn Duhamel.

The annual AHA Holiday Party is Saturday, December 12, 7 to 10 p.m., at 60 Alban Street, hosted by Gary and Andrea Barsomian-Dietrich. Please bring a holiday dish to share, along with any necessary serving utensils; non-alcoholic beverages are provided. This is a low-key but festive opportunity to meet your neighbors and catch up with folks you haven't seen in a while. New neighbors are especially welcome.

Another highlight of the season is the annual Peabody Square Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 28, at Ashmont Station Plaza. Come at 7 p.m. to enjoy some refreshments plus holiday music and sing-alongs with the Boston City Singers. The holiday trolley arrives around 7:30, with the Mayor and Santa on board, followed by the countdown to light the tree and the distribution of goody bags to the kids.

Peace to all from the AHA Board,

*Dicki Bugo*

President, Board of Directors  
Ashmont Hill Association

## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### Tree-Lighting Preparations

Come help decorate Peabody Square with greens, bows, and lights on Saturday, November 21, at 10 a.m. Volunteers also will be stuffing the tree-lighting goody bags on Tuesday, November 24, at 6 p.m., in the All Saints' Guild Hall (lower hall). Everyone's help would be welcome.

### Pop-up Holiday Market!

"Shop Local" at the Pop-up Holiday Market in Peabody Square on Saturday, November 28, from 4 to 7 p.m., preceding the annual Tree Lighting. Find a Christmas tree or winter wreaths and garlands at Cedar Grove Gardens' tent. Stock up on squash, potatoes, and other long-keeping root vegetables, hot cider, pies, preserves, and knitted items from Farmers' Market favorite Spring Brook Farm. Find seasonal gifts from On the Dot Books and local crafters, and choose from a variety of Dorchester-themed items, from books and mugs to aprons and Clapp Pear jam, from the Dorchester Historical Society. In addition, DotArt will be on hand with activities for kids. It's also Small Business Saturday, so check in at the St. Mark's Area Main Street table to pick up an SBS tote bag and SMAMS business directory and sign up for membership for 2016.

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## Ashmont Hill Holiday Party

Saturday, December 12

7 - 10 p.m.

60 Alban Street,  
home of Gary and Andrea  
Barsomian-Dietrich  
Bring a holiday dish to share

## Community Calendar

### Free Hatha Yoga

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m.  
Through December 8  
Fields Corner Library

### Leaf & Yard Waste Collection

Continues on regular trash days  
through December 4

### Aaron Sunstein Organ Concert

Friday, November 20, 8 p.m.  
Church of the Advent, 30 Brimmer St.

### Hidden Heroes/Sheroes

Friday, November 20, 6 - 8 p.m.  
Great Hall, Codman Square

### Peabody Square Decorating

Saturday, November 21, 10 a.m.  
Ashmont Station Plaza

### Goody Bag Stuffing

Tuesday, November 24, 6 p.m.  
All Saints' Guild Hall, 209 Ashmont St.

### Pop-up Holiday Market

Saturday, November 28, 4 - 7 p.m.  
Ashmont Station Plaza

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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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## Celebrate the Holidays in the Neighborhood

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### DHS Holiday Open House

The Dorchester Historical Society's annual Holiday Open House, on Sunday, December 13, 2 to 4 p.m., celebrates the season with music, refreshments, and the 1806 William Clapp House in full festive splendor. Do some shopping in the Gift Shop, where you will find reproduction Dorchester Pottery fruit plates, mugs and trivets, t-shirts and aprons, Clapp Pear jam, books about Dorchester's people and history, and more. At DHS Headquarters, 195 Boston Street.

### Lessons & Carols at All Saints

The Parish of All Saints presents "A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, December 20, at 4 p.m. Come hear readings and music for the season in the beautifully restored church, featuring the recently installed Skinner organ and the Choir of Men & Boys. At 209 Ashmont Street.

### October Meeting Notes

Nancy Anderson, who works in the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, handed out emergency radios, which OEM makes available. She encouraged people to sign up for "Alert Boston" to receive emergency notifications; to sign up, call the Mayor's Hotline (617-635-4500), go to [www.cityofboston.gov/OEM](http://www.cityofboston.gov/OEM), or text to 888777 to get the texts. She gave out a "go bag" filled with emergency supplies to one lucky attendee. She also mentioned that pets are welcome in emergency shelters. "Go bags" are available for pets and she will get some for interested neighbors.

C-11 Community Service Officer Mike Keaney observed that Halloween is one of their busiest nights of the year and extra officers will be on board. Incidents in the area in the past month included the discovery of crack in a car that was stopped for speeding; the arrest of the driver and passenger of a car, for drugs; and a series of store robberies that, with the help of security cameras and an observant resident, led

to the recovery of the stolen items and the arrest of three perpetrators, all age 17, plus two more, thereby solving five armed robberies. Mike also asked people to pass along the names of any families that are having hard financial times so they can be invited to the C-11 holiday party, which is by invitation only for families in need.

Emily Bryan, principal of the K1-5 Kenny School, which is on Oakton Avenue behind the Adams Street Library, introduced herself and a representative from the school's early childhood program, Countdown to Kindergarten. She invited people to visit and learn more about the school; they are planting a garden and invite the community to participate. They are the only Boston public school with a marching band!

David Cotter, our liaison from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, provided his contact information: 617-635-4819 or [david.cotter@boston.gov](mailto:david.cotter@boston.gov).

Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook attended the meeting, saying he likes to get to know the neighborhoods. He stressed the Mayor's commitment to open space in Boston. He discussed the upcoming \$1.1 million renovation of Roberts Playground, which is across Washington Street adjacent to Tech-Boston Academy. There were some questions about the safety of the crumb rubber turf on the track; he said that they will be posting best practices for people playing on that surface. There was also some discussion about the improvements at Town Field.

AHA Board elections: The current Board members—Lianne Ames, Pat Burson, Charlie Holmes, David Mooney, and Vicki Rugo—were all running for re-election; the floor was opened to nominations and Leo Bray and Shawn Duhamel were nominated. This slate was voted in.

The business meeting was followed by the Ashmont Hill slide show.

*Lianne Ames — note taker*

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## About the Neighborhood

### Sunstein Performs Schuller

Organist Aaron Sunstein will present the premiere performance of Boston composer Gunther Schuller's Symphony for Organ, on Friday, November 20, at 8 p.m., at the Church of the Advent, 30 Brimmer Street on Beacon Hill. Co-sponsored by the Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the New England Conservatory, the concert is part of a series of memorial events for Schuller (1925-2015) and also includes works by Max Reger and Correa de Arauxo. Admission is free. Aaron grew up on Ashmont Hill, sang in the choir at All Saints' Ashmont, where he also studied organ with Michael Kleinschmidt, and studied music at the New England Conservatory.

### Hidden Heroes/Sheroes

At an event on Friday, November 20, at 6 to 8 p.m., the Codman Square Neighborhood Council and Greater Four Corners Action Coalition will recognize individuals who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and commitment to improving the quality of life in our neighborhood. Among those recognized will be three high school seniors who will receive \$1,500 college scholarships for their exceptional dedication to their community. The event takes place at the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk Street in Codman Square.

### Ashmont Hill Book Group

The next Book Group meeting is Wednesday, December 2, 7:15 p.m., at 91 Alban Street, hosted by Florri Aversa. We'll be talking about *The Greater Journey* by David McCullough. January's book is *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes. Book Group meets the first Wednesday of the month; all are welcome. Info: klil@hotmail.com or call the Message Line.

### Winter Farmers' Market Returns

The Dorchester Winter Farmers' Market will be held at the Great Hall on Saturdays (note new day) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting on January 9 and running through March 19. Many favorite vendors will be returning, and new vendors are being signed up. Visit the Market on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/DorchesterWinterFarmersMarket/](http://www.facebook.com/DorchesterWinterFarmersMarket/) for updates on special events and guest vendors. Info: [dorchesterwinterfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:dorchesterwinterfarmersmarket@gmail.com)

### Save the Date for Chamber Music

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music has announced the first two concerts of its 2016 season. On Saturday, February 6, at 4 p.m., the Harlem String Quartet will perform. The Quartet's mission is "to advance diversity in classical music, engaging young and new audiences through the discovery and presentation of varied repertoire that includes works by minority composers." Then on Sunday, April 3, at 3 p.m., the young pianist George Li, silver medalist in the 2015 International Tchaikovsky Competition and currently a student at Harvard, will give a recital. Both events will be held in Peabody Hall at All Saints' Church.

### Resources for Entrepreneurs

The Fairmount LaunchPad, at 584 Columbia Road in Uphams Corner, supports creative entrepreneurs along the Fairmount Corridor with resources to launch and grow businesses. It provides work space, financial education and strategies, business training and mentorship, and one-on-one consulting. The deadline for applying is December 1; go to [www.lab584.org/application](http://www.lab584.org/application).

### Focus on Neighborhood Health

The Codman Square Health Center is holding a Focus Group on the health of our neighborhood on Monday, Novem-

ber 30 at 5:30 p.m. Come share your opinions and get a free dinner and \$30 gift card to Stop & Shop. RSVP/questions: Daphney Mirand at [daphney.mirand@codman.org](mailto:daphney.mirand@codman.org) or 617-822-8733.

### Need Smartphone Help?

A series of classes designed to help older residents learn how to use their smartphones will be held at the Codman Square Library on the first four Wednesdays of December at 10:30 a.m. Space is limited; call 617-436-8214 to register.

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

*Janice Knight, head librarian*  
*Chris Strunk, children's librarian*

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

**Jeanie Mack's Music for Pre-schoolers:**  
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 11 a.m.

**Make a Gingerbread House:** Tuesday,  
Dec. 15, 4 p.m.

**Homework help:** Monday-Thursday,  
3:30-5:30

**BTU Homework Help:** Monday-Thursday,  
4 - 6 p.m.

**Preschool storytime:** Tuesday @ 11  
a.m., Friday @ 10:30 a.m.

**Preschool films:** Friday @ 11a.m.

**Baby storytime:** Friday @ 2 p.m.

*All activities free and drop-in.*

**Some Useful Phone Numbers**  
All Emergencies: Call 911 immediately  
(cellphone: 617-343-4911)

C-11 Community Service Office:  
617-343- 4524, non-emergencies only

City service issues (street lights,  
potholes, missed trash collections, etc.):

- Dial 311 or 617-635-4500 (staffed around the clock)
- Go to [www.cityofboston.gov/311](http://www.cityofboston.gov/311), where you can also download the app
- Tweet @BOS311

Recycling questions: 617-635-4959

TV/computer monitor pickup:  
617-635-7574 (**TVs/monitors will NOT be taken with regular trash.**)

MBTA Police Emergency: 617-222-1212

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**Community Calendar**

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**Peabody Square Tree Lighting**

Saturday, November 28, 7 p.m.  
Ashmont Station Plaza

**Focus Group on Neighborhood Health**

Monday, November 30, 5:30 p.m.  
Codman Square Health Center

**Smartphones for Seniors Classes**

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23; 10:30 a.m.  
Codman Square Library

**Ashmont Hill Book Group**

Wednesday, December 2, 7:15 p.m.  
91 Alban Street

**Holiday Open House**

Sunday, December 13, 2 - 4 p.m.  
Dorchester Historical Society,  
195 Boston St.

**A Service of Nine Lessons & Carols**

Sunday, December 20, 4 p.m.  
All Saints' Church, 209 Ashmont St.

**Winter Farmers' Market Opens**

Saturday, January 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
through March 19  
Great Hall, Codman Square

**AHA Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, January 28, 7:30 p.m.

**Harlem String Quartet**

Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 4 p.m.  
All Saints' Ashmont, Peabody Hall

**Recital by George Li**

Sunday, April 3, 3 p.m.  
All Saints' Ashmont, Peabody Hall

**2016 AHA Monthly Meetings**

Meetings are on the last Thursday of the month and begin at 7:30 p.m. They are preceded by a light supper at 7.

January 28  
February 25  
March 31  
April 28  
May 27  
June 30  
September 29  
October 27



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