

ASHMONT OUTLOOK



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You are invited to join your neighbors for the

Ashmont Hill Holiday Party

Saturday, December 10th

7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

31 Ocean Street

(home of Nancy Anderson)



Please bring a holiday dish to share.
Non-alcoholic beverages provided.
Adults only, please.

Questions? Call the Message Line,
617-822-8178 or email
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Community Calendar

Call of Courage Dance Performance

Friday, November 18, 7 p.m.
Strand Theatre, Uphams Corner

Decorate Peabody Square

Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m.
Meet at Sleeping Moon

Goody Bay Stuffing

Tuesday, November 22, 6 p.m.
Guild Hall, All Saints Church

Free Hatha Yoga

Tuesdays: November 22 & 29,
December 13, 20, 27
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Fields Corner Library

AHA's Monthly Peabody Square Cleanup

Saturday, November 26, 10 a.m.
Plaza by Ashmont Grill

Peabody Square Pop-Up Holiday Market

Saturday, November 26, 4 - 7 p.m.
Ashmont Station Plaza

Peabody Square Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 26
Festivities start at 6:30 p.m.,
Trolley arrives at 7
Ashmont Station Plaza

Codman Square Tree Lighting

Friday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.
Codman Commons

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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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Peabody Square Tree Lighting Saturday, November 26

*Light the Holiday Tree with Santa,
Mayor Walsh, and Other Special Guests
at Ashmont Station Plaza*



6:30 p.m. Refreshments and Holiday Songs with the All Saints Choir of Men and Boys



7:00 p.m. Holiday Trolley arrives, Tree-lighting Countdown, Goody Bags for Kids

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Pop-up Holiday Market!

Come shop before the Tree Lighting:
4 to 7 p.m. on Ashmont Station Plaza

Find gifts, decorations, winter produce, pies, preserves, and more, from Spring Brook Farm, On the Dot Books, Roots Soulful Bees, Touch of Silva jewelry, Studio Tessere scarves, Dorchester Historical Society, Thomas Reale Photography, Urbano Project Nomadic Sculptures, and more. Plus activities for kids with Dot Art!

October Meeting Notes

Thanks to Lex Stevens and David Stitt for hosting the meeting and to all who came out on a rainy night.

C-11 Community Service Officer Mike Keaney reported a car break on Burt Street; a speeding car on Brent Street that was stopped and had no insurance; a man arrested on Bailey Street who had exposed himself on Fuller; a shooting in the St. Mark's area that was followed by the arrest of the suspect, who was known to police. As the holidays approach, be on the lookout for possible thefts of packages left on porches

Lt. Ken Berg from the Transit Police, the new Night Lieutenant for the T's



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South District, reported that crime is down significantly in this area. To counter a spike in disorderly conduct and fighting by kids, Operation Stopwatch is being brought in to do on-the-spot intervention to get kids back on track. He encouraged anyone with concerns to contact him at kberg@mbta.com... he does check his email!

Emily Bryant, principal of the Kenny Elementary School on Oakton Avenue, reviewed the improvements made since she took the position a year ago. These include: improvements to classrooms and grounds; an increase in academic rigor; a partnership with the MFA; a designated science classroom; greater engagement of families; partnerships

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About the Neighborhood

Call of Courage Dance Performance

Urbanity Dance presents *Call of Courage*, a powerful performance visualizing the complex relationships of bullying, at the Strand Theatre in Uphams Corner on Friday, November 18, at 7 p.m. Inspired by middle school stories on moments of courage, Urbanity Dance worked with the Max Warburg Courage Curriculum and musician Ryan Edwards to digitally record stories of perseverance and mix youth voices directly into the musical score. This performance, and a matinee performance for Boston school students, will be followed by a student-led panel discussion. Tickets range from \$15-\$50, with discounts for college and BPS students; go to urbanitydance.org for advance purchase.

Decorate the T Plaza!

Come help decorate Peabody Square with greens, bows, and lights on Saturday, November 19, at 10 a.m.; meet at the Sleeping Moon. Volunteers also will be stuffing the tree-lighting goody bags on Tuesday, November 22, at 6 p.m., in the All Saints Guild Hall (lower hall). Everyone's help would be welcome.

"Off Broadway" Singers at Standish Village

The public is invited to come listen to show tunes as Boston University's "Off Broadway" Singers perform on Sunday, November 20, 2 p.m., at Standish Village Assisted Living and Memory Support Community, 1190 Adams Street in Lower Mills.

November Peabody Square Cleanup

Many thanks to the neighbors who helped out at Ashmont Hill's first

monthly Peabody Square cleanup day in October. Our next monthly Peabody Square Care Day is Saturday, November 26. We'll meet in front of the Ashmont Grill at 10 a.m. If you can spare an hour, please come help; our focus is on the plaza by the Grill and around the Clock Park. Bring work gloves if you have them.

Codman Square Tree Lighting

Tis the season to be jolly! The Codman Square Neighborhood Council and Friends invite neighbors to the annual Tree Lighting on Friday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m., at Codman Commons, at Talbot Avenue and Washington Street. The event is part of the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour Community Celebration. Come for caroling with local choirs, hot chocolate and other treats.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, December 7, 7:15 p.m., at 42 Ocean Street, hosted by Vicki Rugo. We will be talking about the Western classic, *The Virginian*, by Owen Wister. Looking ahead, the book for January is *The Relic Master* by Christopher Buckley, and for February, *A City So Grand: The Rise of an American Metropolis, Boston 1850-1900* by Stephen Puleo. Book Group meets the first Wednesday of the month; all are welcome! Info: klil@hotmail.com.

DHS Holiday Open House

The Dorchester Historical Society invites everyone to its annual Holiday Open House, on Sunday, December 11, 2 to 4 p.m. Come enjoy good company, good food, and the 1806 William Clapp House in full festive splendor. Dorchester-based pianist Bil Mooney-McCoy will lead a lively carol sing. And plan to do some holiday shopping for Dorchester-themed items in the gift shop. At DHS Headquarters, 195 Boston Street. All are welcome, free of charge.

Lessons and Carols at All Saints

The Parish of All Saints presents "A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, December 18, at 4 p.m. Come hear readings and music for the season in the beautifully restored church, with the All Saints Choir of Men & Boys. At 209 Ashmont Street.

Library Friends Plan Bazaar

The Friends of the Codman Square Library are planning a bazaar on the MLK Jr. holiday weekend, Friday, January 13, 3 - 5 p.m., and Saturday, January 14, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Vendors and community organizations are invited to participate. Dinners will also be available for \$10, purchased at the event or ordered by phone, deliveries made to homebound seniors in the Codman Square area; menu includes turkey, ham, chicken, greens, green beans, mac & cheese, Spanish rice, tea, coffee, and water. Donations of homemade pies, cakes, cookies, juices, sodas and paper goods appreciated. For information about participating or to order a dinner, contact Arnetta Baty at 617-529-6768 or friendsofcodmansquarebranchbpl@gmail.com.

Fall Leaf/Yard Waste Collection Continues

Weekly collections run through December 2, with pickups on regular trash/recycling days; no yard waste will be collected with trash during this period. Place leaves and yard debris in large paper leaf bags or open barrels labeled "yard waste" (no plastic bags). Tie branches with string, 3' maximum length. Do not put branches in barrels. Put barrels, bags and branches at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular trash/recycling day. Call 3-1-1 if your bags and barrels have been missed.



Help keep our neighborhood safe: Porch lights on from dusk to dawn

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Wednesday, December 7, 7:15 p.m.
42 Ocean Street

Ashmont Hill Holiday Party

Saturday, December 10, 7 - 10 p.m.
31 Ocean Street

DHS Holiday Open House

Sunday, December 11, 2 - 4 p.m.
195 Boston Street

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 18, 4 p.m.
All Saints Church

Library Friends Bazaar

Friday, January 13, 3 - 5 p.m.
Saturday, January 14, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Codman Square Library

Next AHA Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 26, 2017
(No meetings in November or December)

October Meeting Notes

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with Countdown to Kindergarten and Rosie's Place. Visits are welcome; get more info at www.bostonpublicschools.org/kenny.

John Keith, Independent candidate for Suffolk County Register of Deeds, spoke about his candidacy.

Arnetta and Carl Baty, from Bailey Street, spoke about the re-energized Friends of the Codman Square Library. The group is improving the grounds, including regular cleanups and raised bed planters to create a community garden in the back, and holds coffee hours every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; all are welcome.

Councilor Andrea Campbell and her staffer Eli Pimentel, Dave Cotter from the Mayor's Office, and Rep. Russell Holmes spoke on matters including the upcoming election and early voting.

Lianne Ames, Leo Bray, Pat Burson, Shawn Duhamel, David Mooney, Vicki Rugo, and Sean Wheeler were elected to the AHA Board for 2016-2017.

— Lianne Ames, notetaker

Codman Square Library

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

Make Gingerbread Houses! Wednesday, 12/21, 4 p.m.

Family Craft Night w/Michele Brooks: Thursday, 12/29, 6:30 p.m.

Preschool Storytime, Tuesday, 11 a.m.: 12/20 and 12/27

Preschool Storytime, Friday, 10:30 a.m.: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30

Preschool Films, Friday, 11 a.m.: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30

Baby Storytime, Saturday, 11 a.m.: 12/17, 12/31

All activities are free and drop-in.

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