

ASHMONT OUTLOOK

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Another New Year!

A round of applause to Paul and Megan Sonderegger for hosting the very merry AHA holiday party in December, and to all the neighbors who brought delicious dishes to share.

The next AHA monthly meeting is on Thursday, January 24, at 70 Roslin Street (corner of Ocean), hosted by Jay and Sheila Larson. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., with a light supper at 7. On the agenda: Gabe Shapiro from All In Energy, a nonprofit that seeks to inform Boston residents about government and utility programs that can save money and energy, and Kenny Elementary School principal Emily Bryan and Cheryle Bianchi-Skelton from Countdown to Kindergarten.

All Ashmont Hill neighbors, owners or renters, newcomers, long-timers or in-between, are welcome and encouraged to attend AHA meetings, which are held on the fourth Thursday of the month. AHA has a long tradition of meeting in neighborhood homes, to encourage informality and a sense of community; meeting locations and agendas are published in the *Ashmont Outlook* each month. We hope to see you in the weeks and months ahead.

Dicki Ruigo
for the AHA Board



Winter Farmers Market Starts Jan. 26

The Dorchester Winter Farmers Market returns to the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk Street in Codman Square, on Saturdays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., from January 26 to March 30. Each week, the family-friendly market brings together local farmers, food producers, artists, and more, so you can get fresh, local produce and goods right here in the neighborhood. The market accepts cash, credit/debit cards, and SNAP/HIP.

This year's vendors include Stony Creek Farm from Swansea, Riverdale Farm from Groton, Eat Well, Boobee's Bread, Iggy's Bread, and the Baklava Project. Deschia Jewelry, DeidreLuv Pap, Yolanda's Oils, Resonant Energy, and Silverlining Mentoring round out the vendor offerings. Be sure to check the market out!

Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 24
7:30 p.m.

70 Roslin Street
hosted by Jay & Sheila Larson
Light supper at 7,
desserts appreciated

Agenda:

Gabe Shapiro, All In Energy
Emily Bryan & Cheryle Skelton-Bianchi,
Kenny Elementary School
C-11 Report
New Business, Announcements

Community Calendar

"Eight Strings & A Whistle" Fundraiser
Saturday, January 19, 6:30 p.m.
31 Ocean Street

Dot Greenway Update Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
1914 Dorchester Avenue

BPDA Meeting re: 1970 Dot Ave
Thursday, January 24, 6:30–8 p.m.
Peabody Hall, All Saints Church

Marijuana Law Discussion
Thursday, January 24, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Codman Academy Black Box Theatre

Songs by Victoria Kelly
Friday, January 25, 6 p.m.
Standish Village

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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 of neighborhood interest, and will include it based on appropriateness and available space. Submissions no longer than 250 words, with a contact name and phone number, should be sent to info@ashmonthill.org. We reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity and length.

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About the Neighborhood

"Eight Strings & a Whistle"

Support Ashmont Hill Chamber Music while you enjoy cocktails, light fare, and music in a delightful setting on Saturday, January 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the carriage house at 31 Ocean Street, hosted by Nancy Anderson. The musicians of Eight Strings & a Whistle, a unique combination of viola, cello, and flute (the "whistle"), will perform works by Schubert, Stanley Grill, Jorge Amado, and Leonard Bernstein. Tickets \$100; RSVP to alger.marybeth@gmail.com and pay at the door.

Dot Greenway Update Meeting

Greater Ashmont Main Street will hold a meeting focused on the Dot Greenway on Tuesday, January 22, 6–7:30 p.m., in its office at 1914 Dorchester Avenue (in The Carruth facing Ashmont Station). Greater Ashmont MS has envisioned a park on the Red Line tunnel cap since 2012. In May 2017, RODE Architects/OJB Design laid out the first plans, following the tunnel cap from behind the Englewood Apartments in Peabody Square to Park Street in Fields Corner. (See full proposal at tinyurl.com/DotGreenwayProposal.) Since then, our State House delegation has secured no less than \$2 million for project build out. The Livable Streets Alliance has agreed to act as the project's fiscal agent, which makes it possible to apply for Community Preservation Grant funds for design and structural engineering feasibility. Come to this meeting get an update on all aspects of the project and next steps to make the Dot Greenway a reality.

BPDA Meeting re: 1970 Dot Ave

The Boston Planning and Development Agency will hold a community

meeting regarding the development proposal for 1970 Dorchester Avenue (the lot just south of The Carruth) on Thursday, January 24, 6:30–8 p.m., in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church. The developer, Mike Ahern, presented the project at the September AHA meeting; this is the official community meeting required as part of the Article 80 Small Project Review process. The proposal is for 32 studio and 24 one-bedroom apartments, two street-level retail spaces, five indoor parking spaces, a gym/media room, community room, and covered bicycle storage. See the full application at <http://www.bostonplans.org/document-center> (search for 1970 Dorchester Avenue). The public comment period ends on February 4; comments may be submitted from the project page (click on the project name) or to BPDA project director John Campbell at john.campbell@boston.gov.

Talking THC: Where do we go from here?

The Codman Square Health Center and Tufts Medical Center host a conversation about the local impact of Massachusetts' new marijuana law with a panel of experts from the Codman Square community, medical field, and legal profession, on Thursday, January 24, 6:30–8:30 p.m., in the Black Box Theatre at Codman Academy, 14 Epping Street in Codman Square. Free raffle for gift card prizes; refreshments provided by Juice and Jazz Cafe. MBTA passes provided for all attendees. Register at: talkingthc.eventbrite.com or 617-622-8204.

Music at Standish Village

Neighbors are invited to hear vocalist Victoria Kelly from Berklee College of Music on Friday, January 25, at 6 p.m., at Standish Village Assisted Living and Memory Support Community, 1190 Adams Street in Lower Mills.

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Ashmont Nursery School Winter Open House

Parents, caregivers, and kids are invited to Ashmont Nursery School’s Winter Open House on Saturday, January 26, 9 a.m.–12 noon. Come learn about the parent-cooperative school’s play- and nature-based program for 2 to 5 year olds. Application deadline for September 2019 is February 1. The school is located at One Ashmont Street, at Washington Street. Info: ashmontnurseryschool.com; email admissions@ashmontnurseryschool.com.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group meets on Wednesday, February 6, 7:15 p.m., at 71 Ocean Street, hosted by Barbara Hough, to discuss *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything* (Revised and Expanded Edition), by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. The book for

March is *A Painted House: A Novel*, by John Grisham. Book Group generally meets the first Wednesday of the month; all are welcome. Info: klil@yahoo.com.

“Of Stars and Shamrocks”

The Dorchester Historical Society will screen “Of Stars and Shamrocks” on Sunday, February 17, at 2 p.m., with commentary by Charles R. Gallagher, S.J., associate professor of history at Boston College. Originally aired on WGBH in 1995, the documentary chronicles the intertwined histories of Boston’s Irish and Jewish immigrant communities from the mid-19th century on. Cardinal O’Connell, who publicly denounced the anti-Semitism of the “Radio Priest” Charles Coughlin, Mayor Curley, and Cardinal Cushing all figure in the story; Lenny Zakim of the Anti-Defamation League, Mayor Kevin White, and others were inter-

viewed for the film, which was produced, directed, and written by John J. Michalczyk. Free (donations welcome) and open to the public. At DHS Headquarters, 195 Boston Street.

“Delhi to Damascus”

On Sunday, February 17, at 4 p.m., Ashmont Hill Chamber Music presents Sandeep Das, tabla virtuoso and Grammy Award-winning member of the Silkroad Ensemble, who celebrates the vibrant cultural heritage shared by India and Syria in his latest project with the thrilling HUM Ensemble. Das is joined by Syrian oud master Issam Rafea, Indian vocalist and sarangi player Suhail Yusuf Khan, and sitar player Rajib Karmakar to explore centuries of classical and folk music that emerged along the winding trade road from Jaisalmer in India to Damascus in Syria. In Peabody Hall at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont Street. Tickets:

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Community Calendar

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**Ashmont Nursery School
Open House**
Saturday, January 26, 9 a.m.–noon
One Ashmont Street

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

Ashmont Hill Book Group
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71 Ocean Street

“Of Stars and Shamrocks” Film
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DHS Headquarters, 195 Boston St.

Delhi to Damascus Concert
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Peabody Hall, All Saints Church

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\$25/adult, \$18/student, \$3/EBT card holder; children under 13 free. Info: ahchambermusic.org.

Codman Square Library

690 Washington Street
617-436-8214

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

Baby Storytime: Saturday, Feb. 2 & 16, 11 a.m.

Matt Heaton Concert for Children: Wednesday, Feb. 20, 3 p.m.

Education and Career Resource Fair: Thursday, Feb. 21, 3-6 p.m.

Preschool Storytime: every Tuesday & Friday, 10:30 a.m.


Free Homework Help: every week Monday–Thursday, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

ESL Conversation Group: every Tuesday, 1-3:30 p.m.

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