

ASHMONT OUTLOOK

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Happy New Year!

Many thanks to Joe and Nancy Gildea for opening their beautifully renovated carriage house for the festive AHA holiday party in mid-December, and to all the neighbors who brought delicious dishes to share.

The next AHA monthly meeting is on Thursday, January 25, at 52 Welles Avenue, hosted by Lex Stevens and David Stitt. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., with a light supper at 7; desserts are welcome as always. On the agenda: a report on the "Love Your Block" grant application for trash barrels along Ashmont Street recently submitted to the City of Boston by a group of neighbors; information about the Boston Police Department's new CamShare security camera program for both businesses and residents; the regular C-11 report; new business and announcements.

All Ashmont Hill neighbors, whether owners or renters, newcomers, long-timers or in between, are welcome and encouraged to attend AHA meetings and other neighborhood activities. AHA meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. We have a long tradition of meeting in neighborhood homes to encourage sociability and informality; the upcoming meeting location is announced each month in the *Ashmont Outlook*.

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Winter Farmers Market Starts Jan. 27

The Dorchester Winter Farmers Market returns to the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk Street in Codman Square, on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., from January 27 to March 31. Each week, the market brings together local farmers, food producers, artists, and more, so you can get fresh, local produce and goods right here in the neighborhood.

This year's vendors include, for produce, Oakdale Farm, Farmer Dave, and Mycoterra Farm (fresh local gourmet mushrooms); for meat/seafood/dairy, Stonycreek Farm and Moonlight Farm; Iggy's Bread; and Bittersweet Herb Farm, offering flavored oils, vinegars, herb mixes, etc., plus honey from Tewksbury Farm. City Compost will be on hand with information about their composting service. From February 24

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Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 25
7:30 p.m.

52 Welles Avenue

hosted by

Lex Stevens & David Stitt

Light supper at 7,
desserts appreciated

Agenda:

- Love Your Block Grant Application
- BPD CamShare Program
- C-11 Report
- New Business, Announcements

Community Calendar

Winter Farmers Market

Saturdays, January 27 - March 31
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Great Hall, Codman Square

Free Hatha Yoga

Tuesdays, January 23 & 30,
February 6 & 13
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Fields Corner Library

Ashmont Nursery School Open House

Saturday, January 20,
9 a.m. - noon
1 Ashmont Street,
at Washington

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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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Winter Farmers Market

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through March 31, Plant-Based Provisions will be selling their vegan/organic puddings; Dahlia will offer bee body products on February 24 and March 10; and Myrth Ceramics will be available on February 24.

The market accepts cash, credit/debit cards, and SNAP/HIP. They will match SNAP up to \$20 each week while supplies last. Be sure to check the market out!

Funds for Peabody Square: Follow-up

As noted in the last issue of the *Outlook*, Greater Ashmont Main Street was crowdfunding in November and December for additional improvements to Peabody Square, including seating, plantings, paving, and more. Here is their report at the end of the effort:

YOU DID IT! In just 60 days, our community raised \$26,430 from 135 friends, neighbors, and Dorchester small businesses using the Patronicity platform. Together with matching funds from our institutional sponsors, MassDevelopment, Boston Main Streets Foundation, Martin Richard Foundation, Trinity Financial/Trinity Management LLC, and Peregrine Group LLC, this multiplies into \$76,430 of funding for Peabody Square Revitalization! Thank you! We count ourselves fortunate to be part of this generous and dedicated community. We're excited to see the community's dream for Peabody Square become a reality!

Dorchester Chili Cook-off Call for Entries

Local groups and organizations are invited to participate in the 12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off, on Sunday, March 11, 4 - 7 p.m., at IBEW Local 103, 256 Freeport Street. Prizes are awarded for Best of Show, Best Non-Beef, Most Creative, and Best Team Spirit. And in the ever-popular People's Choice Award, the team with the most

(purchased) votes wins. The popular event is organized by the Ashmont Adams Neighborhood Association; all proceeds help support the Dorchester Day Parade.

The \$50 registration fee for participants is due by Tuesday, February 20; checks payable to "AANA/Chili Cook-off" should be mailed to Patricia O'Neil, 319 Ashmont Street, Dorchester 02124. Note that all chili must be prepared in a certified commercial kitchen; team up with a restaurant or caterer and offer a joint entry, or ask a restaurant, caterer, or other commercial enterprise if you can use their kitchen. Aluminum pans for the chili (10 quarts) are provided to each entrant in advance; chafing dishes are set up at each entrant's table at the IBEW. Chili must be brought to the cook-off already heated; a city health inspector checks to be sure it is at regulation temperature when it is served. Participants are given credentials for three individuals to set up and serve.

Cook-off tickets are \$20/adult, \$30 for family up to 4, additional children \$5 each; mark your calendars now, and look for more details about the event in the next *Outlook*. Info: Pat O'Neill, 617-265-5397 or pattiasmont@gmail.com.

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C-11 Community Service Officers:

617-343-4524

MBTA Police Emergency: 617-222-1212

MBTA Police Non-emergency:

617-222-1100

Non-Emergency Issues & Concerns

To report missed trash collection, burned-out street lights, stray animals, or other non-emergency situations:

- Dial 311 (or 617-635-4500) to speak to a live person 24 hours a day.
- Go to www.cityofboston.gov/311 where you can:
 - report via the website (anonymously if you choose)
 - download the BOS:311 app
 - report via Twitter



The Ashmont Hill Holiday Party



The Gildeas' newly renovated carriage house provided a wonderful party space for neighbors.



About the Neighborhood

Ashmont Nursery School Open House

Interested families are invited to the ANS Winter Open House, Saturday, January 20, 9 am - 12 noon, 1 Ashmont Street (corner of Washington Street). Visit the school's nature- and play-based campus, meet teachers and current families, learn about the benefits of a cooperative preschool, and tour the school while your child enjoys a play date with new friends. RSVP admissions@ashmontnurseryschool.com.

Free Tax Clinics

Taxpayers who earned less than \$54,000 in 2017 can have their taxes prepared, and claim important tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, at free tax clinics held at the Wellness and Fitness Center, at 450 Washington Street, starting on January 20 and running into April. Hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free tax preparation is offered by the Codman Square Health Center in partnership with the Boston Tax Help Coalition.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, February 7, 7:15 p.m., at

42 Ocean Street, hosted by Vicki Rugo. February's book is *The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary*, by Simon Winchester. The book for March will be *The Master and Margarita*, by Mikhail Bulgakov. Everyone is welcome to Book Group, whether you've read the book or not. Info: Lil Konowitz, klil@hotmail.com.

Celebrate Mozart's Birthday

Enjoy an evening of chamber music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, along with a buffet supper and libations, on Saturday, January 27, at 7 p.m., in a delightful home at 1255 Adams Street, Unit WM303, in the Baker Chocolate condos in Lower Mills. The gathering, held on the 262nd anniversary of Mozart's birth, benefits Ashmont Hill Chamber Music. The program includes the Violin Sonata in E minor, K304 and the Piano Quartet in E flat, K478, with Jing Qiao, violin; Holly Barnes, viola; Jolene Kessler, cello; and Christopher Walter, piano. Tickets are \$100 per person; RSVP by January 20 to alger.marybeth@gmail.com or 617-827-7857. Bring your check, payable to AHCM, to the event, or pay online at www.ahchambermusic.org (click on "Donate").

RenMen & Fellas Concert

Save the Date: Renaissance Men, Boston's professional male vocal chamber ensemble, in collaboration

with Boston City Singers' Fellas, performs "RenMen Branches" on Sunday, February 18, at 4 p.m., in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont Street. Curated to explore the unexpected bridges between genres, the program will range from classical to Bluegrass to 1960s pop. Presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music. Tickets, \$25, at the door or at ahchambermusic.org (click 2017/2018 Season).

All Dorchester Sports & Leadership

Fit Kitchen: Learn to cook healthy, delicious, and economical meals, Saturdays, January 27 – February 24, 10 a.m.- 12 noon, Great Hall at Codman Square Health Center, 6 Norfolk Street. Free, but sign-up recommended.

Winter Basketball League, every Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon, for ages 7 - 10, now through March 17, at Dot-house Health Gym, 1353 Dorchester Avenue. Cost is \$40; register and pay before attending.

Spring/Summer 2018 Baseball & Softball Registration is now open online.

Cold Night, Hot Stove Fundraiser, Friday, March 23, 7 to 10:30 p.m., at First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish Street, to celebrate Ryan Kath and the WBZ I-Team along with Linda Merrill from the interior design community. Tickets, \$20, go on sale in February.

Go to www.alldorchestersports.org to sign up, register, pay, and get more information about all ADSL activities.

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Community Calendar

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Free Tax Clinics Start
 Saturday, January 20;
 then every Monday, Tuesday,
 Saturday through April
 (see article p. 3 for hours)
 450 Washington Street

AHA Cleans Peabody Square
 Saturday, January 27, 9 a.m.
 (weather permitting)
 Plaza by Ashmont Grill

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Chili Cook-off Entry Deadline
 Tuesday, February 20

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Here are the meeting dates for 2018:

January 25

February 22

March 22

April 26

May 24

June 28

September 27

October 25

(No meetings in July, August, November or December)

We hope to see you in the weeks and months ahead.

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