

ASHMONT OUTLOOK



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Join us for the
**Ashmont Hill Summer
Block Party!**

**Saturday, July 21
3 p.m. – 7 p.m.**


on Harley Street between Walton & Roslin
Food, games & more!

Snow-cones anyone? And don't miss Balloons
Extraordinaire ("the balloon man"), from 4 to 6 p.m.

Bring your family, bring your neighbors, bring yourself:
kids of all ages are especially welcome!

Burgers, hot dogs & soft drinks provided.
Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

Brought to you by the Ashmont Hill Association and your
neighbors, with support from City Councilor Andrea
Campbell's office.

 Harley Street will be closed during the party.

 Rain date: Sunday, July 22, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

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

22 Harley Street

hosted by

Jeff Calish & Lil Konowitz

Ice cream social at 7;

cookies welcome!

Agenda

Christine Poff, Community Preservation
Director

Nieves Edwards, Nesterly

C-11 Monthly Report

Rep. Russell Holmes

Community Calendar

Ashmont Farmers Market

Every Friday, June 29–October 19

3–7 p.m.

Ashmont T Plaza

Opening Ceremonies

Friday, June 29, 4 p.m.

Yoga at the Market

Every Friday, June 29–July 20

4–5 p.m.

Peabody Square West (by Ashmont Grill)

Summer Eats for Kids & Teens

Every Friday, June 29–August 31

4–5:30 p.m.

Ashmont T Plaza

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Wednesday, July 11, 7:15 p.m.

113 Ocean Street

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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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Ice Cream, We Scream...

Thanks to Leo Bray and David Mooney for hosting the May meeting; see meeting notes below.

AHA's next monthly meeting is on Thursday, June 28, 7:30 p.m., at 22 Harley Street, hosted by Jeff Calish and Lil Konowitz. To celebrate the arrival of summer, we'll have make-your-own ice cream sundaes instead of supper, starting at 7 p.m. Weather permitting, the meeting will be outdoors. On the meeting agenda: Christine Poff, Community Preservation Director, to talk about the program and process for submitting projects for Community Preservation funding in Boston, and Nieves Edwards, Boston Community Manager for Nesterly, a service for intergenerational homesharing being launched in partnership with the City of Boston. Plus the C-11 community service report, Rep. Russell Holmes, and any new business or announcements.

The AHA Board is grateful to the neighbors on the Party Committee who have worked hard to plan the Summer Block Party. We hope to see lots of neighbors of all ages there!

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer.

David H. Mooney

for the AHA Board

May Meeting Notes

Linda Champion spoke about her candidacy for Suffolk County District Attorney. A former prosecutor with the DA's office, she wants to bring transparency to the office, get kids to understand how to be a responsible part of the community, find ways for communities to help the kids, address poverty and gangs, and stop the pipeline to prison.

Katie Forde spoke about her candidacy for Suffolk County Register of Deeds. She sees the position as a way to address the housing crisis; wants to transform the office from the "velvet coffin" it is now; wants to promote

home ownership and take advantage of community preservation funding.

Roslin Street neighbor Omar Ortiz described the Toastmasters International program, which helps people become skilled and comfortable with public speaking. He invited anyone interested to attend the newly formed Dorchester group's meetings every Thursday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Blarney Stone in Fields Corner.

4 Corners Yoga + Wellness turned one in June; will be holding yoga classes during the Farmers Market; will offer chair massage at the market. More info: www.4cornersyogawellness.com.

Ashmont Street neighbor John Powell asked AHA for support for the zoning variance he needs in order to provide code-compliant access to his third floor as part of a larger renovation project. The AHA members present voted unanimously to send a letter of support to the ZBA. (Note: At his hearing on June 12, the ZBA voted to approve the variance.)

Silvia Broude, AHA board member Christina Metcalfe, and Katelyn Parady ("the Party Committee") are planning a family-oriented Summer Block Party for July 21. They hope for a great turnout, particularly with the many families with young children on the Hill.

Our District 4 City Councilor (and City Council President) Andrea Campbell introduced Dustin Gardner, her new constituent services director; offered to sponsor a portion of the Summer Party. Concerns were raised about speeding traffic and bike safety; she is looking for more funding for Slow Streets projects. She noted that the BPS transportation budget is huge and rising, while the number of students is declining; a better transportation approach would free up significant funds for other needs.

State Rep. Russell Holmes talked about the rollout of new or renovated trains on the T; said 40% of people

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About the Neighborhood



The Ashmont Farmers Market kicks off its 10th season on Friday, June 29, on Ashmont Station Plaza. The market will run every Friday from 3 to 7 p.m., through October 19, bringing fresh local produce and other local products, live music, games and activities for kids, and community resources to Peabody Square. The opening ceremony takes place at 4 p.m. on opening day.

This year's weekly vendors include Spring Brook Farm, Sibling Organic Farm (Asian influenced vegetables and greens), Evergreen Delivery (with Red's Best Fish), and Fornax Bread Company. They will be complemented by a rotation of specialty vendors and community information tables. Opening day specialty vendors include The Ancient Bakers, Del Sur (selling empanadas), and Operation Hoodsie. Bobby Mac the Knife will be back sharpening on July 20.

As part of the Summer Eats Program, free healthy meals will be available for kids and teens, 4 to 5:30 p.m., every Friday from June 29 through August 31.

New this year: Pick up a Market Loyalty Card at the Market Information Table. Once you have attended the market six Fridays, your punched card will be entered in a drawing for a free Farmers Market t-shirt.

The market accepts cash, credit/debit cards, SNAP/EBT and HIP; some vendors also accept WIC and SFMNP coupons.

Follow Ashmont Farmers Market on Facebook for updates on specialty vendors, live music, special themed weeks, and other activities. Also on Twitter @AshmontFarmMkt. See you at the Market!

Yoga at the Market

Join teachers from 4 Corners Yoga + Wellness for a free Yoga class from 4 to 5 p.m., offered every Friday from June 29 through July 20, in partnership with the Ashmont Farmers Market. Suitable for all ages, body type, and abilities, classes will be held on the plaza in front of the Ashmont Grill. Wear clothing that is easy to move in; bring a mat if you have one and a water bottle. Some mats will be available.

CODMAN SQUARE FARMERS MARKET

The Codman Square Farmers Market is open every Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., from July 14 through September 29, in Codman Square Park, at the corner of Talbot Avenue and Washington Street. Find farmers, vendors, music, activities, and free meals for youth. SNAP and HIP (Healthy Incentives Program) are accepted. For more information, follow the market on Facebook or email codmansquaremarket@gmail.com.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, July 11, 7:15 p.m., at 113 Ocean Street, hosted by Jill Carrier. We will be discussing *Leonardo da Vinci*, by Walter Isaacson. Book Group generally meets the first Wednesday of the month, but will take a break in August. Everyone is welcome, whether you've read the book or not. Info: klil@yahoo.com.

AHA Cleans Peabody Square

Saturday, June 23, is Ashmont Hill's day to clean up Peabody Square West and the Clock Park. Meet by the Ashmont Grill at 9 a.m.; bring gloves and a plastic trash bag if you can. Also note: June 30, the fifth Saturday, doesn't have a group assigned to cover it so AHA will fill in.

Summer Vacation Begins

The last day of school for Boston public school students is June 28. Neighbors will be posting signs along Ashmont Street that week to say "Have a great summer" to students as they begin their vacation. Summer is sure to be a welcome break for everyone.

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using Uber/Lyft would be using the T instead if it gave better service; thinks we should have raised the gas tax a couple of years ago; discussed AirBNBs; commented on the situation at UMass; said lack of diversity is an issue in state police, local police and fire, probation, and other areas. He'll be back next month for more discussion.

C-11 officer Mike Keane reported another generally quiet month; Metro PCS was robbed; a speeding scooter was hit by a car on Washington Street, scooter was stolen, rider broke his leg. Someone tried to break into a house by kicking in the window air conditioner: a reminder to secure accessible window units. Issues with TechBoston students were raised; Mike will talk to the new youth officer and try to arrange for more police visibility during dismissal.

—Leo Bray, note taker



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Porch lights on from dusk to dawn**

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Community Calendar

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Codman Square Farmers Market

Every Saturday, July 14–September 29
11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Codman Square Park

Standout for Black Lives

Every fourth Thursday, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Ashmont T Plaza

Ashmont Hill Cleans Up Peabody Square

Saturday, June 23 and June 30
9 a.m. by Ashmont Grill

Summer Block Party

Saturday, July 21, 3–7 p.m.
Harley Street, from Roslin to Walton

Useful Phone Numbers

Police/Fire/Emergency

Call 911 for ALL emergencies
From a cellphone, call Boston 911 at 617-343-4911

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

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- Dial 311 (or 617-635-4500) to speak to a live person 24 hours a day.
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