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"And what is so rare as a day in June?"

"Then, if ever, come perfect days...."

Many thanks to Nancy Anderson for hosting the very well-attended April meeting.

AHA's next meeting is on Thursday, May 24, at 53 Alban Street, hosted by Leo Bray and David Mooney. Supper at 7; meeting at 7:30; desserts always appreciated. On the agenda: Katie Forde, candidate for Suffolk County Register of Deeds; Russell Holmes, our State Representative; neighbor Omar Ortiz, who is starting a Toastmasters Club in Fields Corner; a representative from 4 Corners Yoga + Wellness; and AHA board member Christina Metcalfe, who will talk about plans for a summer party here in the neighborhood. Plus the C-11 monthly report and any new business or announcements.

More than 40 grownups and kids, and one dog, showed up for the Ashmont Hill photo on May 5. (See photo on page 2.) Neighbors went on to do some serious cleanup, including pruning and mulching of the two sidewalk gardens at Ashmont/Burt and Alban/Welles. Thanks to all!

David H. Mooney
for the AHA Board

April Meeting Notes

Patrick Fandel, our new liaison in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, introduced himself and talked about his first few weeks on the job. He grew up on the South Shore, attended BC High, graduated from Catholic University last year, and moved to Lower Mills earlier this year. To get started on the job he has been shadowing other liaisons, attended a day-long training in mediation and group management, and has been meeting with civic leaders to get to know them and the issues in their communities. His contact information is patrick.fandel@boston.gov or 617-635-4819.

Ocean Street neighbor Bob Lind recently joined the Governing Board of TechBoston Academy. The school has about 1,050 students in grades 6 through 12, with a population that is highly minority and highly economically disadvantaged. The curriculum emphasizes technology and works with MIT to develop programs. Student-teacher ratio is 10:1; 80% of the teachers are rated as highly qualified. The school would like to engage with the neighborhood and could especially use volunteers for after-school tutoring, which is offered three days a week for a variety of subjects. If you'd like to discuss tutoring, contact Bob at lindhough@aol.com. Neighbors were invited to the

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**Ashmont Hill Association
Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, May 24
7:30 p.m.**

**53 Alban Street
hosted by Leo Bray & David
Mooney
Light supper at 7,
desserts appreciated**

Agenda:

- Katie Forde, candidate, Suffolk Co. Register of Deeds
- State Rep. Russell Holmes
- Omar Ortiz, Toastmasters Club
- 4 Corners Yoga + Wellness
- Christina Metcalfe, AH Summer Party
- C-11 Monthly Report

Community Calendar

Vet Clinic at the Y
Every Friday, 9 a.m. - noon
776 Washington Street
Appointments strongly encouraged.

Ashmont Hill Yard Sale
Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Throughout the neighborhood

**Dorchester Historical Society
Annual Meeting**
Sunday, May 20, 2 p.m.
DHS Headquarters, 195 Boston Street

Standout for Black Lives
Every fourth Thursday, 5:30 - 6:30 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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Neighbors enjoyed a warm May morning for the annual neighborhood photo and cleanup.

April Meeting Notes

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TechBoston Shines talent show and academic showcase on April 15. For more information about the school, go to techbostonacademy.org.

Nick Armata from the Boston Landmarks Commission talked about what BLC and other historic designations can and can't do to prevent demolition or radical change. Designation as a National Historic Landmark or placement on the National Register doesn't give any actual protection to a building; beyond simple recognition it only has advantages for certain Federal funding sources. Under Article 85 of the Boston Zoning Code, any request for a demolition permit for a building that is more than 50 years old goes to BLC and triggers a 90-day demolition delay while the historic/architectural importance of the property is researched. Three levels of designation are possible under the BLC statute: Landmark, Landmark District, and Architectural Conservation District. Any ten registered voters in Boston can submit a petition for designation of a building or district to the Commission; if a petition is accepted, preparation of a detailed study report and public par-

ticipation process follow. A number of petitions are pending. For more information: www.boston.gov/departments/landmarks-commission.

C-11 Report: Fifteen new recruits have joined C-11; 7 during the daytime and 8 at night. Bring your kids to the the C-11 Bike Rodeo, June 16, with free refreshments, where officers will teach bike safety, give away new bikes and helmets (while they last), and do free fingerprinting and photos. Recent incidents: Officers responding to a house alarm on Talbot Avenue found a 16-year-old youth climbing out a kitchen window; he had a warrant out from Chelsea district court for the same type of offense. After the Drug Control Unit observed an underage youth leaving O'Brien's with four six-packs of hard iced tea, the store was cited and the incident reported to the Licensing Board. And a young woman agreed through an online dating site to meet a man on Fuller Street; when he showed up he punched her in the face and stole her purse. She gave police a good description, and the 32-year-old Mattapan man, recently released from jail, was found at Dunkin Donuts and charged with unarmed robbery.

— Leo Bray, *notetaker*

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About the Neighborhood

Pet Healthcare at the Y

The Animal Rescue League of Boston is holding a weekly pet wellness clinic for cats and dogs at the Dorchester YMCA every Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For \$10, the pet of a Dorchester resident will receive a physical exam, rabies and distemper vaccines, flea treatment, and a microchip. Space is limited to 10 spots per week, so appointments are strongly encouraged: call 857-413-5964. Dogs must be on a leash; cats must be in a carrier. Need a carrier? Email sfincke@arl.org or call number above.

Dorchester Historical Society Annual Meeting

Boston City Council president and Mattapan resident Andrea Campbell is the featured speaker at the Dorchester Historical Society's annual meeting on Sunday, May 20, at 2 p.m., at DHS Headquarters, 195 Boston Street. A review of the past year and Board elections are also on the agenda. Refreshments will be served. The Annual Meeting and all monthly programs are open to the public and free of charge.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group's next gathering is on Wednesday, June 6, 7:15 p.m., at 42 Ocean Street, hosted by Vicki Rugo. The book for June is *No Name in the Street*, by James Baldwin. Looking ahead, the book for July is *Leonardo Da Vinci*, by Walter Isaacson. Book Group meets the first Wednesday of the month; all are welcome. Info: Lil Konowitz, klil@yahoo.com.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Boston residents can safely dispose of hazardous waste and shred unwanted documents for free at the annual



drop-off on Saturday, June 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop-off location is the UMass Boston Bayside Parking Lot, 200 Mount Vernon Street. Go to www.boston.gov/calendar/household-hazardous-waste-dropoff-06-09-18 for details about what will be accepted and what will not.

Farmers Market Opens June 29

Save the date! The Ashmont Farmers Market opens for its tenth season on Friday, June 29, on Ashmont Station Plaza. Watch for details about this year's vendors and special programs in next month's *Outlook*.

The Music Continues

DotJazz: Greater Ashmont Main Street and Mandorla Music will continue to bring jazz to the neighborhood in the coming year. The 2018-2019 Dot Jazz series of five performances will take place the second Thursday of every

other month, starting on Thursday, September 13, in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church.

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music: AHCM begins its 2018-19 season with a recital by acclaimed bass-baritone Dashon Burton on September 16, followed by the the Jupiter String Quartet on October 14, and the second concert of the Bach Project for November 25.

Details on all programs in future *Outlooks*.

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



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Community Calendar

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AHA Cleans Peabody Square

Saturday, May 26, 9 a.m.
Plaza by Ashmont Grill

Free Hatha Yoga

Tuesday, May 29 - June 26
6:30-8 p.m.
Fields Corner Library

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Wednesday, June 6, 7:15 p.m.
42 Ocean Street

C-11 Bike Rodeo for Kids

Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Parking lot opposite Florian Hall,
55 Hallet Street

AHA Monthly Meeting

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

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From a cellphone, call Boston 911 at
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C-11 Community Service Officers:
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MBTA Police Emergency: 617-222-1212

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617-222-1100

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