

# ASHMONT OUTLOOK

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## Hope June is coming...

Thanks to everyone who attended the April AHA meeting at the Rugos' house. Meetings can be held in spaces large and small, and having meetings all around the neighborhood encourages more people to attend. Please give it some thought for the Fall and next year.

The next AHA meeting is on Thursday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., at 97 Ocean Street, host by Bob MacEachern. Cynthia Loesch-Johnson from the Codman Square Neighborhood Council will present the exciting plan for a redesigned Codman Square Park. Tyrone Brown will describe about how Bottom Line (a business in The Carruth that people may not be aware of) works with high school juniors and seniors from Boston to help them get into college and support them when they are there. And Jeff Ross will speak about his candidacy for Boston City Council At-large. Dinner at 7; desserts appreciated as always.

See you at the Yard Sale and all around the neighborhood!

*Vicki Rugo*  
for the AHA Board



## Spring Service Day

The Martin Richard Foundation brings families and communities together in service at their annual Spring Service Day on Sunday, May 19. This year's theme is creating a better world for young people. The Foundation's mission, to help young people learn, grow and lead through volunteerism and community engagement, will be brought to life through four service projects managed and executed by young people, for young people.

The four service opportunities are:

- 1) Brighten up a meeting space at the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute (15 Christopher Street)
- 2) Renovate indoor and outdoor spaces at St. Ambrose Family Inn (25 Leonard Street): the second-floor play room and the front and back garden beds and playground.
- 3) Transform the Codman Square Library's outdoor space into a community garden by doing spring cleanup, constructing plant boxes, and planting flowers in the boxes.
- 4) At the Service Village, which is hosted this year by the EMK Institute on Columbia Point, serve alongside several nonprofits to assemble hygiene kits with Hope and Comfort, Inc.; pack Emergency Hero Kits with Wonderfund; make fleece blankets and development tools with Room to Grow; and

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## Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

**Thursday, May 23  
7:30 p.m.**

**97 Ocean Street  
hosted by Bob MacEachern  
Light supper at 7,  
desserts appreciated**

### Agenda:

- Cynthia Loesch-Johnson, plan for Codman Square Park
- Tyrone Brown, Bottom Line
- Jeff Ross, candidate for Boston City Council At-large
- C-11 report
- New Business, Announcements

## Community Calendar

### Standout for Black Lives

Fourth Thursday of the month,  
5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Ashmont T Plaza

### AHA Cleans Peabody Square

Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m.  
and every fourth Saturday

### Ashmont Hill Yard Sale

Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Throughout the neighborhood

### Main Street Garden Gala

Saturday, May 18, 7-11 p.m.  
Peabody Hall, All Saints Church

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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](mailto:info@ashmonthill.org). We reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity and length.

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*Neighbors gathered for the annual neighborhood photo and clean up despite a dreary May day.*

## April Meeting Notes

Andrea Campbell, City Councilor for District 4 (which includes Ashmont Hill) and current Council President, spoke about a number of matters relating to her work and community, including the recent shootings in Mattapan. The Council is in budget hearings until June, looking at a \$3.5 billion budget; the education budget, school performance and resources, Slow Streets, the need for more data and enforcement, are on her radar. She is not in favor of charging for resident parking permits. She is visiting schools outside the district to see if they offer ideas for Boston. She supports changing the term for City Councilors from two years to four years, to increase parity with the mayoral term. She is pushing to improve blighted and vacant City-owned properties; she and Senator Collins are pushing for funding for a Main Streets beat cop.

Joy Gary, the new Program Assistant and Market Manager for Greater Ashmont Main Street, noted that planning is moving along for the Ashmont

Farmers Market, which opens on Friday, June 28, but they are still looking for vendors. She can be reached at 617-825-3846 or [programs@greaterashmont.org](mailto:programs@greaterashmont.org).

Christina Metcalfe, Greater Ashmont MS treasurer, described some of the organization's activities: the DotJazz Series, the Bike and Brew Festival, the crowdfunding effort that helped make the just-completed Peabody Square revitalization possible, and the startup of the DotGreenway effort. Committees include Beautification and Public Spaces, Development and Historic Preservation, Fundraising and Events, and Business Support and Improvement. Neighbors are always welcome to get involved; go to [greaterashmont.org](http://greaterashmont.org) for more information.

Officer Keaney from C-11 reported no major incidents but a number of drug arrests and car break-ins. Remember to lock your car and don't leave valuables in it. Report abandoned cars to the Community Service Office at 617-343-4524.

— Lianne Ames, *notetaker*

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## About the Neighborhood

### The Yard Sale is Finally Here!

This Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Invite your family, friends, and colleagues to come shop and enjoy Spring in the neighborhood. Happy selling and happy shopping, everyone.

### Main Street Garden Gala

Tickets are still available for Greater Ashmont Main Street's Garden Gala on Saturday, May 18, 7–11 p.m., at All Saints Church. This black-tie optional celebration of Main Street's work in our Dorchester Avenue business district recognizes 20 years of impressive achievements and looks to the future. All Saints' beautiful Peabody Hall will be transformed into a garden setting; guests are encouraged to dress for a garden party. Gala guests will enjoy Cocktail Jazz with Steve Fell, while sampling food from district restaurants and browsing the silent auction; signature beverages by event sponsor Tito's Handmade Vodka; and a garden-themed photo booth by Ritterbin Photography. A brief program will be followed by a specially produced Dorchester comedy set. The evening will close with a DJ and dancing. Tickets \$80 at [greaterashmont.org/tix](http://greaterashmont.org/tix).

### Forrys to Speak at DHS Annual Meeting

Ed Forry and Bill Forry from the *Dorchester Reporter* are the featured speakers at the Dorchester Historical Society's Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m., at the new Pipe Fitters Local Union 537 Training Center, 40 Enterprise Street (around the corner from DHS headquarters, with plenty of parking). After a brief business meeting, the father/son duo will talk about the origins of this vital community resource and share some significant

stories they have covered since its founding in 1983. Open to the public and free of charge.

### BPL HipHop Dance Jam!

Check it out on Saturday, May 25, 1–4 p.m., at the Codman Square Library, corner of Welles Avenue and Washington Street. Hosted by Dash Boogy with music by DJ Flyte! Cypher! Dance battle! \$400 prize for the best dancer! With Hip-Hop Dance Pioneers and Judge Showcases. All levels of dancers welcome. We come to teach, learn, expand and elevate the culture of true hip-hop. Each one teach one! For all ages; free and family-friendly.

### Boston City Singers News

"*Singing All Together*," the year-end concert, takes place on Saturday, June 1, 3 p.m., at the Brooke Charter School, 150 American Legion Highway in Mattapan. Freewill donations at the door.

*Auditions for young singers* on Thursday, June 6, 6–7:30 p.m., at Epiphany School, 154 Centre Street. Come learn more about BCS's programs for ages 4–18. No previous experience needed, just bring your love for singing. Schedule a time/questions at [info@bostoncitisingers.org](mailto:info@bostoncitisingers.org).

### Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, June 5, 7:15 p.m., at 71 Ocean Street, hosted by Barbara Hough. The book for June is *An American Marriage*, by Tayari Jones. Book Group meets the first Wednesday of the month. New members are warmly welcomed; come to a meeting even if you haven't read the book! Info: Lil Konowitz, [klil@yahoo.com](mailto:klil@yahoo.com).

### The Fate of the Massachuset

Ed Quill, author of *When Last the Glorious Light; Lay of the Massachuset*, will discuss his recently published book on Sunday, June 16, at 2 p.m., at

the Dorchester Historical Society, 195 Boston Street. The book gives a compelling description of the tribe's history and its relationship with the Europeans who arrived uninvited. Mr. Quill worked at the *Boston Globe* for many years, and was subsequently appointed Boston's first City Archivist. The event is free and open to the public; all are welcome.

### Classical Guitar at the Cemetery

Classical guitarist Robert Bekkers will give a recital in the newly restored Gilman Chapel at Cedar Grove Cemetery, on Thursday, June 20, 7–8 p.m. (doors open at 6:30). Admission: \$20. A resident artist at the Walter Baker Artist Lofts in Lower Mills, Dr. Bekkers is conductor of the Boston Guitar Orchestra and guitar instructor at Gordon College, South Shore Conservatory, and Yamaha Music School. The cemetery is at 920 Adams Street, across from Cedar Grove Gardens.

### AHA Summer Block Party Coming Up!

Ashmont Hill's family-friendly summer party takes place on Sunday, June 23, 3–7 p.m., on Montague Street at Ashmont Street. Kids of all ages and their families will enjoy a bounce house, Balloon Twister, and other activities. Burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and cold drinks provided; bring a side dish or dessert to share. Questions? Contact AHA board member Christina Metcalfe at [christina.metcalfe8@gmail.com](mailto:christina.metcalfe8@gmail.com).

### Music at Standish Village

The public is invited to all these musical events at Standish Village Assisted Living and Memory Support Community, 1190 Adams Street in Lower Mills.

- Monday, May 20, 6 p.m.: Pianist Max Holm

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**Community Calendar**

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**DHS Annual Meeting with Ed & Bill Forry**

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**HipHop Dance Jam**

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Dorchester Historical Society  
195 Boston Street

**Classical Guitar Recital**

Thursday, June 20, 7-8 p.m.  
Gilman Chapel, Cedar Grove Cemetery

**Ashmont Hill Summer Party**

Sunday, June 23, 3-7 p.m.  
Montague Street at Ashmont Street

**AHA Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, June 27, 7:30 p.m.  
Location TBD

**Spring Service Day**

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pack backpacks with school supplies with School on Wheels Massachusetts.

Advance sign-up is requested; go to <https://martinrichardfoundation2.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer> for times and other details and to sign up.

**Standish Village**

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- Tuesday, May 28, 2:30 p.m.: Local musicians Anna, Dan & Friends in a sing-along
- Friday, May 31, 2 p.m.: A musical performance by students from Thacher Montessori School

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