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June, June, June...

Many thanks to Milo Stella and Eli Pimentel for hosting the April AHA meeting; it was wonderful to see so many new neighbors.

The May AHA meeting is on Thursday, May 25, 7:30 p.m., at 60 Ocean Street, hosted by Katie and Travis Lee. On the agenda: Laurie Girdharry, a Foster Care Recruiter from the Mass. Department of Children & Families, and Christine Rose, co-founder of Four Corners Wellness & Yoga, which recently opened on Washington Street. Also, developer James Baker and Kevin Deabler from RODE Architects will present their proposal for new housing at 500 Talbot Avenue/8 Argyle Street (the Our Savior's Lutheran Church property). Plus the monthly C-11 report, a Yard Sale report, and other new business and announcements.

The Yard Sale is upon us: Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is a wonderful, long-standing tradition that draws people from far and wide, who love finding bargains and also enjoy exploring (and often discovering) Ashmont Hill when it is looking its best. Whether you are selling or shopping or both, enjoy the day!

David H. Mooney
for the AHA Board

Dorchester House Tour 2017

The Dorchester Historical Society presents the 2017 Dorchester House Tour on Sunday, June 11, from 12 noon to 5 p.m., showcasing ten spectacular houses in the nearby Ashmont/Carruth neighborhood. The recently restored 1892 Parish of All Saints, Ashmont, at 209 Ashmont Street, will also be open. The tour continues the long tradition of Dorchester house tours that DHS revived last year here on Ashmont Hill.

The self-guided tour begins in the Guild Hall at All Saints Church. Doors open at 11:30 a.m for ticket sales and advance-purchase check-in. Tickets are \$30 in advance, at www.dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org, and \$35 the day of the tour. Tour proceeds benefit the preservation of the Society's historic properties.

Many houses on this year's tour date from the 1880s, which was a period of eclectic experimentation and originality in architectural design. Various elements of the Stick, Shingle, Queen Anne, and Colonial Revival styles might all be combined in one building, but a strong commitment to craftsmanship and quality of materials is evident throughout. Homeowners will be on hand to talk about the ways they have preserved, restored, and transformed their 19th century houses for 21st century living.

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Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

Thursday, May 25
7:30 p.m.

60 Ocean Street
hosted by Katie & Travis Lee
Supper at 7, desserts appreciated

Agenda:

Laurie Girdharry,
DCF Foster Parents Program
Christine Rose,
Four Corners Wellness & Yoga
James Baker/Kevin Deabler,
500 Talbot Avenue
Development Proposal

Community Calendar

ASHMONT HILL YARD SALE!

Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Happy Shopping!

DPP Black Lives Matter Standout

Thursday, May 18, 5:30 p.m.
Ashmont Station Plaza

DHS Annual Meeting: Historic Designations

Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m.
195 Boston Street

Codman Square Library Cleanup

Saturday, June 3, 12 a.m. - 12 noon

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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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The owners have undertaken a variety of changes to their properties, from artificial siding removal and window restoration, to top-to-bottom refurbishing of interior spaces, to the installation of new kitchens and baths. At the same time, each house retains outstanding original features, from gracious staircases to stained glass windows to unique spaces, complemented by the distinctive taste and flair of the owners.

April Meeting Notes

C-11 Report: Community Service Officer Mike Keaney reported few incidents in our immediate area: a vehicle stopped at Talbot and Welles after running a red light turned out to be stolen; shot spotter recorded shots on Welles Avenue near Washington, no physical evidence found but kids seen running away; a car on Burt Street was broken into and \$70 in quarters was take from the cupholder...a reminder not to leave anything of value visible in our cars. Nearby businesses and others were very helpful in locating the Dorchester man who was arrested for the homicide at McDonalds. June 10 is the tentative date for the annual Bike Rodeo; watch for details and bring your kids and grandkids for safety lessons, free helmets, and a chance to win a bike.

Dorchester Food Co-op: Jenny Silverman and Robin Saunders gave an overview and update on the Food Co-op, which has been in the works for several years. The goal is to have a worker- and community-owned store selling healthy foods, keeping spending in the community, and answering a need in Dorchester, which has fewer grocery stores than Boston overall. They are working to build up membership to show funders that there is strong support; goal is 700 members, they currently have around 570. Membership fee is \$100, payable one time or in installments. Current proposed location is at Bowdoin and Topliff, as

tenant in an affordable housing development planned by Viet-AID, but they are always looking for other possibilities in the heart of the community. Nationally, there's lots of interest in co-ops as a business model: they have a higher success rate than other small businesses. Info/join: www.dorchesterfoodcoop.com.

City Compost: Adam Jankauskas described the business he has been developing to help cut down on waste and help people live a greener, more sustainable lifestyle. He does weekly collections of vegetable trimmings, peels, meat, grains, dairy, leftovers, expired foods (no cardboard or printed paper); checks for contaminants; manages the composting/balancing process using clean leaves and wood products; and returns screened compost to customers on a six-month cycle. Cost is currently \$7/week, but the more participation in an area, the lower the cost. Five-gallon containers are available; he also encourages the use of smaller countertop receptacles to help get in the habit of collecting scraps. Info: www.citycompost.com

Dave Cotter, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services: Garvey and McConnell playgrounds will be renovated. Slow Streets decisions expected in May. Ashmont Street is scheduled to be resurfaced, from Washington Street to Dot Ave, under the City's capital budget.

Eli Pimentel, Councilor Campbell's office: Councilor's six-month report is available. Council is in budget season, funding for youth development programs a particular concern. Upcoming events include the Greater Ashmont Main Street Visioning session on May 11, and the Mother's Day Walk for Peace on May 14. In response to recurring issues reported with late-night events at Unity Club, Eli, Rep. Russell Holmes, and B-3 Captain Hosein will be meeting with Unity leadership to discuss ways to address concerns. The Licensing Board has also been contacted to learn if they have heard concerns; *(continued on page 4)*

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About the Neighborhood

Historic Designations, Photo Exhibit

Learn about various ways historic properties can be recognized and protected at the Dorchester Historical Society's Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. Lissa Schwab, Preservation Planner at the Boston Landmarks Commission, will explain the difference between the National Register of Historic Places and Boston designations such as Architectural Districts. In addition, a new exhibit of the photography of Frederick Frizell, who lived in Lower Mills from 1900 to the 1930s, will be on display. Plus brief DHS annual reports and elections. All DHS programs are open to the public and free of charge, at DHS Headquarters, 195 Boston Street.

Odwin/1943 Dot Ave Update

Thursday, May 31 is the projected closing date for the sale of the the Codman Square Health Center's property at 1943 Dorchester Avenue (AKA the Odwin property) to Peregrine Urban Initiatives, which will develop 64 rental apartments on the site. Sunday, May 28, is the last day that parking will be allowed on the property.

Codman Square Library News

The last Spring Clean-Up at the library with volunteers from Boston Cares will be on Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m. — 12 noon. Neighbors are invited to help! Congratulations to the Codman Square Library Seniors Organic Vegetable Garden, which was recognized for "Community Engagement" in the 2017 Mayor's Greenovate Awards.



Neighbors came out on a cloudy May morning for the annual neighborhood photo and cleanup.

Also, the Senior Coffee Hours formerly at the library are now at East Boston Savings Bank, 305 Talbot Avenue, Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Codman Square Neighborhood Council

CSNC meets the first Wednesday of the month, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk Street. At their June 7 meeting, former Mayor Raymond Flynn will talk about past and present efforts in Boston to establish neighborhood councils. Meetings are open to the public and a good way to learn what's going on in and around Codman Square.

Standout for Black Lives

Dorchester People for Peace is holding a Standout for Black Lives on the third Thursday of every month, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Ashmont Station, starting May 18 and continuing through the fall. Info about standouts or BPP: kelready@msn.com, beckyp44@verizon.net, or 617-282-3783.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 7, 7:15 p.m. at 53 Alban Street, hosted by Leo Bray and David Mooney. The book for June is *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl*, by Timothy Egan. July's book is *Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly and the Making of the Modern Middle East*, by Scott Anderson. Book for September (no August meeting) is *America's Constitution: A Biography*, by Akhil Reed Amar. Book group meets the first Wednesday of the month; all are welcome. Info: Lil Konowitz, klil@yahoo.com.

Memorial Day Concert at Standish Village

Composer and pianist Erik Gustafson presents a Memorial Day concert on Monday, May 29, at 6:00 pm at Standish Village Assisted Living and Memory Support Community, 1190 Adams Street in Lower Mills. Neighbors are cordially invited.

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Community Calendar

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Dorchester Day Parade
 Sunday, June 4
 Starts at 1 p.m. at Lower Mills

**Codman Square
 Neighborhood Council**
 Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m.
 Great Hall, Codman Square

Ashmont Hill Book Group
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 53 Alban Street

**Dorchester House Tour:
 Ashmont/Carruth
 Neighborhood**
 Sunday, June 11, 12 noon - 5 p.m.
 Ticket sales/registration
 opens at 11:30 a.m. at All Saints Church

AHA Monthly Meeting
 Thursday, June 22, 7:30 p.m.
 Location TBA

Meeting Notes

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people are urged to keep contacting the Councilor's office if problems persist (617-635-3131, andrea.campbell@boston.gov).

Mattapan Trolley Update: Vicki Rugo reported on recent meetings held by the MBTA to update people in Mattapan, Milton, and Dorchester on plans for the Mattapan High Speed Line ("the Mattapan trolley"). The T is committed to keeping the line running well into the next decade with existing PCC cars. They are replacing the "trucks" (the wheels and undercarriage) of the seven cars that are in use over the next 18 months, at a cost of \$7.9 million. They have also hired a large engineering firm to do a complete assessment of all aspects of the line and to develop a full range of options for the long-range future. Meetings to report on this study will be scheduled in about a year. Info: www.mbta.com/MattapanHSL.

Rep. Russell Holmes: The state budget has just been completed; he believes it reflects our values.

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