

# ASHMONT OUTLOOK

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## Hi, Neighbors!

Many thanks to Lex Stevens and David Stitt for hosting the January meeting, which was well attended despite the terrible weather.

The next AHA meeting is on Thursday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., at 49 Roslin Street, hosted by Mike and Carole Horne. On the agenda: neighbors at 11R Alban Street will present their plans to replace their back deck and will ask for AHA's support for the necessary zoning variances; the developer and architect for 500 Talbot Avenue (Our Saviour's Lutheran Church) will give an update on their plans for housing on the site; and Evandro Carvalho, a candidate in the special election to fill Linda Dorcena Forry's recently vacated State Senate seat, will introduce himself.

Neighbors sometimes ask why the C-11 police report is at the start of every AHA meeting. Some find it upsetting or negative, while others find it dreary or boring. While we can't answer every concern, we do try to keep neighbors informed about what happens in the neighborhood in hopes of avoiding the avoidable. The report tends to happen first to accommodate the schedules of the community service officers who serve our neighborhood because they often have other appointments to keep in addition to their regular duties; it also allows for more flexibility in the

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## Dot Chili Cook-off 2018

Bring your kids, your friends, and your neighbors to the 12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off, Sunday, March 11, 4 – 7 p.m., at IBEW Local 103, 256 Freeport Street. Now a well-established Dorchester tradition, the Cook-off is a family-friendly event with live entertainment, games, face-painting, prizes, and more, not to mention a tasty way to have supper.

Restaurants, civic associations, youth groups, and community organizations from every corner of our community will compete for bragging rights to the best chili in Dorchester. A distinguished panel of judges will select winners in several categories: Best of Show, Best Non-Beef, Most Creative Dish, and Team Spirit. Vote for the People's Choice winner, where it is

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## Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

Thursday, February 22  
7:30 p.m.

49 Roslin Street  
hosted by Mike & Carole Horne  
Light supper at 7,  
desserts appreciated

### Agenda:

500 Talbot Avenue Update  
11R Alban Street Deck Replacement  
State Senate Candidate Evandro  
Carvalho  
C-11 Report  
New Business, Announcements

## Community Calendar

### Winter Farmers Market

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

### Dot Jazz Series:

#### Eric Hofbauer Quintet

Thursday, February 15, 7 p.m.  
Peabody Hall, All Saints Church

#### RenMen & Fellas Concert

Sunday, February 18, 4 p.m.  
Peabody Hall, All Saints Church

#### AHA Cleans Peabody Square

Saturday, February 24, 9 a.m.  
(weather permitting)  
Plaza by Ashmont Grill

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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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### Dot Chili Cookoff

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perfectly legal to buy votes. All proceeds benefit the Dorchester Day Parade, which takes place this year on Sunday, June 3.

Tickets are available at the door: \$20/adult, \$30/family up to four, and \$5 for each additional child. See you there!

### January Meeting Notes

The C -11 monthly report included the arrest of a young man seen trying to get into a Roslin Street property and later found in the garage, and a drug arrest at Washington and Roslin after the driver of the car was stopped for running a red light. A neighbor was followed home from Ashmont Station by a tall man with a strawberry blond beard early one afternoon in January and called home to say she was concerned; the man ran off after she arrived home. Police responded to a Shotspotter alert on Welles Avenue on Jan. 21 but found no evidence or witnesses. A number of convenience store robberies have occurred in the last couple of months, by different groups, but there have been no arrests as yet.

Sgt. Brian Dunford gave a brief presentation about the CamShare program that is being piloted in Dorchester, in which business owners and residents volunteer to provide images from their security cameras to help in solving crimes. There was discussion about the best cameras; no one system was recommended, but neighbors might be a source of suggestions. Privacy issues are potential concern as security cameras are proliferating. For more information on the program, contact Sgt. Dunford at (617) 343-4339.

A group of Ashmont Street neighbors has submitted a proposal to the City's Love Your Block program for funding to provide trash barrels along Ashmont Street, in collaboration with the Y, TechBoston, and Norfolk Hardware. A decision is expected in February.

Dave Cotter from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services said that the Mayor is filing an ordinance to regulate AirBNBs because of the concern that such short-term rentals are taking regular rental housing off the market: more than 1500 units in the city are rented more than 300 days a year, more than 2500 are rented more than 117 days/year. The ordinance will be submitted soon. Eli Pimentel from Councilor Campbell's office announced that Andrea has been elected president of the City Council. Some \$250,000 in youth development grants has been awarded to eleven recipients. Rep. Russell Holmes reported that the Casey Overpass project at Forest Hills is nearing completion, and the train station at Cummins Highway should be completed in about a year. He is considering whether to run for Senator Forry's seat. (He later decided not to.)

— Leo Bray, *notetaker*

### All Dorchester Sports & Leadership

**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 (pre-purchase online), \$25 at the door.

**Fit Kitchen Continues:** Learn to cook healthy, delicious, and economical meals, Saturday, February 17 and 24, 10 a.m.- 12 noon, Great Hall at Codman Square Health Center, 6 Norfolk Street. Free, but sign-up recommended.

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

**Spring/Summer Rugby Registration** is also open online, for ages 8 - 10. \$40; early registration deal: \$30 before March 3. Season starts April 4 at Town Field.

Go to [www.alldorchestersports.org](http://www.alldorchestersports.org) to sign up, register, pay, and get more information about all ADSL activities.



## About the Neighborhood

### Jazz in the Hood

The Eric Hofbauer Quintet performs on Thursday, February 15, as part of the quarterly Dot Jazz Series presented by Greater Ashmont Main Street and Mandorla Music Series, in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church. The musicians include Eric Hofbauer on guitar, Todd Brunel on clarinet and bass clarinet, Jerry Sabatini on trumpet, Junko Fujiwara on cello, and Curt Newton on drum set; accomplished jazz and new music improvisers, they also perform classical and modern music. The program will include Hofbauer's arrangement of "Reminiscing in Tempo" by Duke Ellington, solo material, and other selections from the group's repertoire. Doors open at 7 p.m.; music begins at 7:30. The \$15 ticket includes dessert and non-alcoholic beverages; wine is also available. Tickets at the door or at [brownpapertickets.com/event/3169446](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/3169446).

### RenMen & Fellas Concert, and More

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. Exploring the unexpected bridges between genres, the programs includes both classical and popular selections, from polyphonic motets, American hymn tunes, Estonian folk tunes, and English part songs, to traditional Bluegrass favorites and 1960s pop tunes. Presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music. Tickets, \$25, at the door or at [ahchambermusic.org](http://ahchambermusic.org); children under 13 admitted free; EBT cardholders \$3 at the door.

And save the date: On Sunday, April 8, 4:30 p.m., AHCM presents the

Armida Quartet. This young string quartet founded in Berlin has toured widely in Europe, has received numerous awards, and performs at All Saints Church as part of their debut US tour.

### Greater Ashmont Business Breakfast

Join your fellow business owners and entrepreneurs on Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 - 9 a.m., at the Bi-Monthly Business Breakfast coordinated by the Business Support & Recruitment Committee of Greater Ashmont Main Street. The free gathering is at Zia Gianna Italian Bakery & Caffè, 1739 Dorchester Avenue, just south of St. Mark Church; interested neighbors are welcome.

### Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, March 7, 7:15 p.m., at 71 Ocean Street, hosted by Barbara Hough. The book for March is *The Master and Margarita*, by Mikhail Bulgakov. April's book is *Americanah*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Everyone is welcome to Book Group, whether you've read the book or not. Info: Lil Konowitz, [klil@hotmail.com](mailto:klil@hotmail.com).

### It's Trivial 2!

*Can you name at least five of Dorchester's hills, including one that is not called "hill"?* The Dorchester Historical Society challenges you to test your knowledge of all things Dorchester at "Dorchester Trivia Night, Episode II," on Thursday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., at the Dorchester Brewing Company, 1250 Massachusetts Avenue. Put together a team, compete on your own, or just enjoy the fun. Questions may cover anything from Dorchester history, to "lost" Dorchester, to entertainers and personalities, to place names, and more. Suggested donation \$5. Sample partner and in-house brews from DBco's Tap Room (cash bar) while you compete or watch. (Answer: Meet-

*inghouse Hill, Jones Hill, Savin Hill, Popes Hill, Ashmont Hill, Codman Hill...and Mount Bowdoin.*)

### Coattails & Cocktails Returns

Save Sunday, April 8, 7 - 10 p.m., for Greater Ashmont Main Street's annual Coattails & Cocktails gala at Tavolo Ristorante, 1918 Dorchester Avenue in The Carruth. The evening will include cocktail music by local jazz musicians, Tavolo's tasty dinner-by-the-bite, passed champagne and cash bar, a photo booth by Ritterbin Photography, and silent auction. Creative black tie optional.

### AHA Meeting Hosts Needed

Interested in hosting a future AHA meeting? All that's required is a space for the meeting (generally a room (or two adjoining) large enough to seat 20-30 people) and a place (kitchen or dining room) to set up the supper; chairs, food, and all supplies are provided. Contact the AHA board at [info@ashmonthill.org](mailto:info@ashmonthill.org) for more information.

### Useful Phone Numbers

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From a cellphone, call Boston 911 at 617-343-4911

C-11 Community Service Officers:  
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617-222-1100

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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](http://www.cityofboston.gov/311) where you can:
  - report via the website (anonymously if you choose)
  - download the BOS:311 app
  - report via Twitter

**Community Calendar**

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**Free Hatha Yoga**

Tuesdays, February 27 - March 27  
6:30 - 8 p.m.  
Fields Corner Library

**Greater Ashmont Business Breakfast**

Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 a.m.  
Zia Gianna, 1739 Dorchester Avenue

**Ashmont Hill Book Group**

Wednesday, March 7, 7:15 p.m.  
71 Ocean Street

**Dorchester Chili Cookoff**

Sunday, March 11, 4 - 7 p.m.  
IBEW Local 103, 256 Freeport St.

**DHS Trivia Night**

Thursday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Dorchester Brewing Co., 1250 Mass Ave.

**AHA Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.  
Location TBA

**The Armida Quartet**

Sunday, April 8, 4:30 p.m.  
Peabody Hall, All Saints Church

**Coattails & Cocktails**

Sunday, April 8, 7 p.m.  
Tavolo Ristorante

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rest of the meeting. We want these sessions to be constructive, so we encourage questions that will help everyone understand better. The board would like to hear from you if you have thoughts or concerns about this policy. Please speak to any of us individually (see page 2), or at a meeting, or send an email to [info@ashmonthill.org](mailto:info@ashmonthill.org).

*David H. Mooney*

for the AHA Board

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