



ASHMONT OUTLOOK

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May Flowers...

Thanks to Lianne Ames and Donna Cioffi for hosting the March meeting, and to Pat Burson for cooking the tasty vegetarian chili, the same recipe that AHA served at the recent Dorchester Chili Cook-off.

The next AHA meeting is on Thursday, April 30, 7:30 p.m., at 42 Ocean Street, hosted by Bob and Vicki Rugo. Speakers at the meeting include Florence Rawls from The Boston Home, to talk about their proposal to develop apartments on their property for people with MS and other neurological disabilities; and Lower Mills neighbor Andrea Campbell, candidate for the Boston City Council District 4 seat, which includes Ashmont Hill.

May is a great month to (finally) get outdoors! Join your neighbors for any or all of the programs and activities described in this issue of the *Outlook*. And keep a look-out for clusters of daffodils that have sprouted from the bulbs that neighbors planted last fall as part of Boston Blooms...a sure sign that spring is really here.

David Mooney

President, Board of Directors
Ashmont Hill Association

Shop, Sell, Smile, Sweep Yard Sale Number 36!

The annual Ashmont Hill Yard Sale takes place on Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost to participate is still \$20 per location, plus \$10 for each additional household sharing that location. There are special "kids-only" rates, and family or friends are welcome to join you. The fees underwrite the extensive advertising that gets the word out throughout the Boston area and also pay for maps provided at every location, all orchestrated by yard sale guru Joe Gildea. If you have limited items to sell, Joe suggests that you team up with a neighbor to reduce the number of locations and increase the appeal of your spot; if you have items to donate, ask Joe if any non-profits are participating. To sign up to sell, contact Joe at 617-288-6626 or cadmanjoe@aol.com. **Sign-up and payment deadline is Saturday, May 9.**

Say "Cheese" & Spiff Up the Neighborhood!

We'll take the annual Ashmont Hill photo on Saturday, May 2, at 9 a.m., at Nancy Anderson's carriage house home at 31 Ocean Street. Coffee and donuts provided. Bring your family and your neighbors: let's have a really great turnout for this photo!

Afterwards, help with the Neighborhood Cleanup as part of Boston Shines

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Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 30
7:30 p.m.

42 Ocean Street,
hosted by Bob & Vicki Rugo
Supper at 7, desserts appreciated

Agenda:

Florence Rawls, The Boston Home
Andrea Campbell, candidate for
City Council District 4

Community Calendar

Free Hatha Yoga

Saturdays, April 25 - May 16,
12:30 - 2 p.m.
Fields Corner Library

AHCM Concert:

"The Birth of the Sonata"
Saturday, April 25, 3 p.m.
Peabody Hall, All Saints Ashmont

Ashmont Hill Photo & Boston Shines Clean-up

Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.
The Carriage House at 31 Ocean Street

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Wednesday, May 6, 7:15 p.m.
11 Ocean Street

"TBA Shines: A Showcase of Talent & Academics"

Thursday, May 7, 4:30 p.m.
TechBoston Academy, 9 Peacevale Road
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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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if you can. The City of Boston provides some tools and gloves, but bring your own if you have them; we'll have plenty of trash bags. We'll focus on the Alban/Welles and Ashmont/Burt sidewalk extensions and other areas that need attention. Or simply clean the curb on your own street; it all helps. Place trash bags in easy-to-spot locations so Public Works can collect them. (*Note: This is a trash cleanup only, not for yard waste; see yard waste collection info below.*)

March Meeting Notes

Michelle Sanchez, principal of Epiphany School, a tuition-free middle school next to Shawmut T Station, described plans to create an Early Learning Center on recently acquired property on Centre Street that includes the former Industrial School for Girls (1859). The center will serve infants to five-year-olds and their families; space will also be provided for graduate support services and offices, along with an outdoor play area, garden, and parking. The historic building will be renovated to provide housing for Epiphany's teaching fellows. Construction is expected to start in September, following a "dig" on the property in June, to be conducted by the City Archeologist with participation by Epiphany students.

Mellen Street neighbor Liora Beer described her work through her foundation, ArtMorpheus, in launching the Fairmount Innovation Lab as part of the Fairmount Cultural Corridor. The FCC was established to support neighborhood arts and culture and to create a "cultural economy" in the communities along the Fairmount/Indigo commuter rail line, which runs through Dorchester from South Station to Readville. Liora's focus is on supporting artists as entrepreneurs and creating a community of encouragement and support. Info: www.lab584.org

Marissa Friedman from Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, which

produces Shakespeare on the Common, described the activities being supported by CSC's \$100,000 "Our Town" matching grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to fund "Shakespeare OFF the Common." Workshops on *Romeo and Juliet* will be conducted in Boston public schools, performances of *Romeo and Juliet* will be presented at the Strand Theatre for students and the community, and community art festivals will be held in partnership with several Boys and Girls Clubs, including the Blue Hills Club at Franklin Field. Neighbors interested in getting involved in this program should contact Marissa at mfriedman@commshakes.org.

C-11 Community Service Officer Mike Keaney reported that crime is down 44% over last year, due in part to the heavy snow. A neighbor received a Fedex box addressed to him containing 5 bags of marijuana; the sender could not be identified. The drug squad made an arrest in Peabody Square and found heroin and crack cocaine. Several neighbors' cars have been rifled through when left unlocked, another car was broken into but nothing was taken. Police searched for someone on Alban Street following an incident at Wainwright Park. Useful phone numbers: Boston Police Emergency: 911, C-11 Community Service Office: 617-343-4524; Transit Police: 617-222-1212; School Police: 617-343-5526.

— Lianne Ames, note taker

Leaf and Yard Waste Collections

Leaf and yard waste for composting will be collected on regular trash days the weeks of April 27, May 11, May 25, June 15, July 13, August 10, September 14, and October 12. Weekly Fall collections will run October 26-December 4. Place leaves and yard debris in large paper bags or open barrels labeled "yard waste;" bundle branches (3' max. length, 1" max. diameter). No plastic bags; no branches in barrels. Place at the curb by 7 a.m.

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“The Birth of the Sonata”

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music presents “The Birth of the Sonata” with Robert Mealy, baroque violin, and Avi Stein, harpsichord, on Saturday, April 25, at 3 p.m., in Peabody Hall at All Saints Ashmont, 209 Ashmont Street. The program includes works dating from 1629 to 1732, by Buxtehude, Corelli, Scarlatti, Bach, and Handel, among others. Robert Mealy was described by *The New Yorker* as “New York’s world-class early music violinist.” Avi Stein is considered one of the new generation of leaders in the field of early music. Concert tickets are \$25/adult, \$18/student, and children under 13/free. Info: 617-680-7542 or www.ahchambermusic.org.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group’s next meeting is Wednesday, May 6, 7:15 p.m., at 11 Ocean Street, hosted by Elena Scherer. The book for May is *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante (trans. Ann Goldstein). Book Group meets the first Wednesday of the month; all are welcome. Info: klil@hotmail.com or call the Message Line.

An Invitation from TechBoston Academy

TechBoston’s students, teachers, and staff cordially invite Ashmont Hill neighbors to attend “TBA Shines: A Showcase of Talent and Academics” on Thursday, May 7. The event begins with a student talent show from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., followed by a showcase of academic work from students in grades 6-12. TechBoston is located at 9 Peacevale Road. Walking, cross Washington Street at Ashmont Street, enter and walk through Roberts Playground to the school; or cross Washington Street at Roslin onto Dunbar Avenue, walk on

Dunbar past Lee Academy (the former Fifield School), enter Roberts Playground on the left, and walk up to the school. By car, take Norfolk Street out of Codman Square, turn left onto Peacevale. The main entrance is in the center of the building facing the ballfield. Info: Jessica Descartes, jdescartes@bostonpublicschools.org or 617-635-1615.

All Saints Ashmont Restoration Project Tour

A tour of All Saints Church and Parish House will be conducted by Ocean Street neighbor Jeffrey Gonyeau on Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. After four years of planning and 22 months of construction, a comprehensive rehabilitation project has resulted in the dramatic transformation of these iconic structures. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, All Saints is the first church designed by Ralph Adams Cram and profoundly influenced American church design in the Gothic Revival style. Sponsored by The Parish of All Saints and St. Mark’s Area Main Street, the tour is free and open to the public, but space is limited. RSVP to Meaghan Overton at office @smams.org or 617-825-3846.

Carney Opens Family Medicine Center

Carney Hospital officially opens its new Family Medicine Center on Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the Seton Medical Office Building at the rear entrance to the hospital. Free blood pressure checks, blood sugar checks and oral health screening will be available, plus information about concussions in young athletes, diabetes management, asthma care and more. Children’s activities include a magic show at 11 a.m., a Teddy Bear clinic, face painting, games and prizes, and healthy snacks.

Romeo & Juliet Come to Dorchester

Commonwealth Shakespeare Company presents *Romeo and Juliet*, by

William Shakespeare, on Friday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 30 at 2 p.m., at the Strand Theatre in Uphams Corner, featuring CSC2, their company of early-career actors. Tickets: \$5 at www.commshakes.org or 866-441-9962. CSC presents Shakespeare on the Common every summer; watch for information about Shakespeare OFF the Common in Dorchester in future *Outlooks*.

ADSL Summer Sports Programs

Baseball/Softball: All Dorchester Sports League is now registering for summer leagues, for children ages 5 to 15. To register/info: www.alldorchester-sports.org, 617-287-1601, or alldotsports@verizon.net. Or visit the ADSL Field House, 1565 Dorchester Avenue at Town Field, Monday-Friday, 4 - 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Deadline is Saturday, May 16.

Youth Basketball: Intensive skill-building clinics, June 6 - July 25, for ages 7-17. To register/info: same as above, also xsavage@alldorchester-sports.org.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors....

A group of neighbors have started a conversation about the idea of organizing in some way to provide assistance—anything from a ride to help moving a piece of furniture—to older and not-so-old neighbors who might find this kind of service helpful. We’d like to determine if there is sufficient interest—on both the “giving” and “receiving” side—to merit developing this idea further. If you **a)** think you might use such a service if it were available, **b)** would like to be someone who provides assistance to others, and/or **c)** would like to be part of the discussion about how such a service might work, please contact Gary Fredericks (3 Ocean Street) at g.fredericks@comcast.net or 617-287-0365 **by Sunday, May 10**. Thanks.

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Community Calendar

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**Family Medicine Center
Grand Opening**

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Carney Hospital, Seton Building

**All Saints Ashmont
Restoration Project Tour**

Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m.
209 Ashmont Street, meet in parking lot

**Ashmont Hill
Neighborhood Yard Sale**

Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Throughout the neighborhood

AHA Monthly Meeting

Thursday, May 28, 7:30 p.m.
Location TBA

Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet

Friday, May 29, 7:30 p.m.;
Sat, May 30, 2 p.m.
Strand Theatre, Uphams Corner

Yard Waste

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on your regular trash day. *Leaf and yard waste placed curbside on non-collection days will not be collected.*

Codman Square Library

690 Washington Street
617-436-8214

*Janice Knight, head librarian
Chris Strunk, children's librarian*

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

Preschool playgroup, Countdown to Kindergarten: Mondays @ 10:30 a.m.

"Senior Smarts" technology program: Wednesdays thru May 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,

Preschool storytime: Tuesdays @ 11 a.m., Fridays @ 10:30 a.m.

Preschool films: Fridays @ 11a.m.

Baby storytime: Fridays @ 2 p.m.

All activities free and drop-in.

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