

ASHMONT OUTLOOK

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May We Please Have Some Spring?

Many thanks to Will and Grace Cleveland for hosting the well-attended March meeting. Meeting notes are on page 2.

AHA's next monthly meeting is on Thursday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m., in the carriage house at 31 Ocean Street, hosted by Nancy Anderson. On the agenda: Patrick Fandel, our new liaison in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, will introduce himself; Nick Armata, preservation planner at the Boston Landmarks Commission, will describe the commission's responsibilities and activities and the resources it can provide to neighborhoods like ours; and Barbara Hough (on behalf of her husband, Bob Lind, who is unavailable that night) will talk about the TechBoston Academy's Governing Board, which Bob has just joined, and opportunities for the neighborhood and the school to interact in a positive way.

In response to last month's request, an Ashmont Street neighbor has kindly volunteered to deliver *Outlooks* to Talbot Avenue neighbors. Thank you!

We encourage neighbors of all ages to turn out for the neighborhood photo. And we'll see you at the Yard Sale!

David H. Mooney
for the AHA Board



Yard Sale Number 39!

The neighborhood's longest-running tradition, the Ashmont Hill Yard Sale, returns on Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at locations throughout the neighborhood. Cost to participate is still \$20 per location, plus \$10 for each additional household. 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 for maximum appeal. Contact Joe at 617-288-6626 or cadmanjoe@aol.com to sign up to sell. Sign-up and payment deadline is Saturday, May 12.

Then be sure to invite your family, friends, and colleagues to come shop at the Yard Sale. It's the perfect time to enjoy Spring on Ashmont Hill...and of course there are always amazing bargains to be found!

Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 26
7:30 p.m.

31 Ocean Street
hosted by Nancy Anderson
Light supper at 7,
desserts appreciated

Community Calendar

One Boston Day Rescheduled Service Activities

Sunday, April 22, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Check in at Ashmont Station Plaza

City Council Hearing on As-of-Right Zoning

Tuesday, April 24, 6 p.m.
Great Hall, Codman Square

Standout for Black Lives

Thursday, April 26, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
and every fourth Thursday
Ashmont Station Plaza

AHA Cleans Peabody Square

Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m.
Plaza by Ashmont Grill

Greater Ashmont Main Street Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 p.m.
Epiphany School, 154 Centre Street

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Wednesday, May 2, 7:15 p.m.
22 Harley Street

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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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March Meeting Notes

Community Service Officer Mike Keaney did not have much to report: the Drug Control Unit arrested a 20-year-old man from the South End who had bags of marijuana and brownies in his possession; the Metro PCS store on Talbot Avenue was robbed, the only store robbery since last month's arrest; and an after-school fight between two 16-year-olds will be followed up by TechBoston.

Nastacia Grant-Forbes, an intern with Greater Ashmont Main Street, described the plastic bag ban that was approved in November as part of Boston's commitment to reduce waste, improve the environment, and clean up the city. (More than 350 million single-use plastic bags litter the streets of Boston each year.) She has been visiting businesses in the Main Street district to be sure they know about the program and can make appropriate purchasing decisions. Going into effect on January 1, 2019, the ban imposes fines on businesses that give customers plastic single-use bags: after one warning, a first offense is \$50, and each later violation is \$100. Paper bags without handles will be allowed for use with no charge; reusable plastic, paper, and compostable bags with handles must be paid for by the customer (5 cent minimum). The merchant keeps the revenue, and customers should be motivated to bring their own reusable bags when they shop.

Krishna Horrigan from Health Resources in Action described the air quality study he is working on and said that volunteers are needed. (A couple of neighbors present are already participating.) The study involves placing a self-contained monitoring kit in a home for a week, once in the winter and once in the summer, to record a range of air quality factors and identify possible changes that could improve the health of the occupants. If you are interested in participating, contact the study team at 617-384-8802 or thomestudy@gmail.com.

Eileen Donovan, volunteer and intern program manager for the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate on Columbia Point, is always looking for volunteers to help provide a friendly guide for visitors through the building and its many interactive exhibits and activities. Eileen tries hard to respect each volunteer's interests. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday; volunteers generally commit to about four hours a week. For more information, call her at 617-740-7000.

Jovan Lacet, a former Marine and former Boston police officer, spoke of his candidacy for the 12th Suffolk House District, which includes a very small part of the neighborhood. He believes that part of the district is not adequately represented and that he could do a better job.

Leo Bray, notetaker

Smile & Clean Up!

It's time to give Ashmont Hill a Spring "pick-me-up." On Saturday, May 5, at 9 a.m., we'll start off with the annual neighborhood photo, plus coffee and donuts, at the carriage house at 60R Ocean Street, home of Milo Stella and Eli Pimentel. Then spend an hour or so, if you can, cleaning up the neighborhood as part of Boston's Love Your Block program. We'll focus on the Alban/Welles and Ashmont/Burt gardens, Ashmont Street, and any other areas that need attention. Or simply clean the curb on your own street. Place trash bags in easy-to-spot locations so Public Works can collect them. The City provides some tools, gloves and trash bags, but bring your own if you have them. **(Note: This is a trash cleanup only, not for yard waste.)**



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About the Neighborhood

One Boston Day Activities Rescheduled

Due to the weather, Greater Ashmont Main Street's service activities for One Boston Day, in Peabody Square & St. Mark's Village, were rescheduled from Sunday, April 15 to Sunday, April 22 (Earth Day), from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Everyone's participation is welcome, whether you previously registered or not; check in at the tent on Ashmont Station plaza. The weather forecast is much better!

City Council Hearing re: As-of-right Zoning

The Boston City Council's Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation will hold a hearing regarding "As-Of-Right Zoning Projects and Exploring Imposing Notice Requirements and Other Community-Informed Conditions" on Tuesday, April 24, at 6 p.m., at the Great Hall in Codman Square. For more information on the hearing, go to www.boston.gov/public-notice/42066.

Standout for Black Lives

Dorchester People for Peace will resume their monthly standouts at Ashmont Station Plaza on Thursday, April 26, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., and continuing on the fourth Thursday of the month through October. Info: www.dotpeace.org.

Main Street Annual Meeting

Greater Ashmont Main Street holds its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 p.m., at Epiphany School, 154 Centre Street, next to the Shawmut T station. Board elections, a report on the past year, and plans for the future are on the agenda.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, May 2, 7:15 p.m., at 22 Harley Street, hosted by Lil Konowitz. The book for May is *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. Book Group meets the first Wednesday of the month; all are welcome. Info: Lil Konowitz, klil@yahoo.com.

TechBoston Shines on May 3

Neighbor Bob Lind has just joined Tech Boston Academy's Governing Board; as a communications conduit between TBA and the neighborhood, he invites neighbors to attend "TBA Shines," a showcase of student work and talent, on Thursday, May 3, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. The school's address is 9 Peacevale Road; it's an easy walk there through Roberts Playground (entrance on Washington Street opposite Ashmont Street). It would be wonderful if neighbors were to attend.

Convergence Ensemble Concert

On Sunday, May 6, at 3:30 p.m., Convergence Ensemble presents "In Praise..." a program of music by Iberian Renaissance composer Mateo Flecha, Brahms, Schumann, Boston composer John McDonald, and the East Coast premiere of a work by award-winning composer Allan Shearer. The concert takes place at the Church of St. Augustine and St. Martin, 31 Lenox Street in Roxbury. Musicians include Sarah Joyce Cooper, soprano; Elizabeth Eschen, mezzo-soprano; D'Anna Fortunato, mezzo-soprano; Corey Dalton Hart, tenor; Will Prapestis, baritone; Rachel Goodwin and Eileen Hutchins, piano. Suggested donation: \$20. Info: 617-288-3697, www.convergenceensemble.org.

More Jazz in the Neighborhood

On Thursday, May 10, the DotJazz series continues with an ensemble led

by the great bass trombone and tuba player (and Dorchester resident!) Bill Lowe, in a program called "Pieces of Cane." This is the final event in the 2017-2018 series that has brought jazz to the neighborhood through the collaboration of Greater Ashmont Main Street and Mandorla Music. Venue is Peabody Hall at All Saints Church; doors open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30. The \$15 ticket includes dessert and non-alcoholic beverages; wine is available for purchase. Plans are underway for a five-show series for 2018-2019 starting in September. Tickets at the door or at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3329506.

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.) All of the Society's properties with their extensive collections are open to the public (free admission) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month; they include the 1765 Capt. Lemuel Clapp House, 1806 William Clapp House, and mid-19th century Clapp Family Barn, all on Boston Street, and the 1661 James Blake House in Edward Everett Square. The Annual Meeting and all monthly programs are open to the public and free of charge.

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Tuesday & Wednesday 10-6
Friday & Saturday 9-5



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Community Calendar

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“TBA Shines” Showcase

Thursday, May 3, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
TechBoston Academy, 9 Peacevale Street

Neighborhood Photo & Clean-up

Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m.
60R Ocean Street

Convergence Ensemble “In Praise...”

Sunday, May 6, 3:30 p.m.
Church of St. Augustine & St. Martin
31 Lenox Street, Roxbury

Jazz in the Neighborhood

Thursday, May 10, 7 p.m.
Peabody Hall, All Saints Church

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

AHA Monthly Meeting

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

Yard Waste Collection Returns


The City resumes leaf and yard waste collection the week of April 23.

Place leaves and yard debris in large paper bags or open barrels labeled “Yard Waste.” **Do not use plastic bags, as they are not compostable.**

Tie branches with string (not plastic); maximum size of branches is three feet with one-inch diameter. Do not put branches in barrels.

Place barrels, bags, and branches at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular trash/recycling day.



Yard waste will be collected on the trash/recycling days of the following weeks: April 23, May 7 and 21, June 4 and 18, July 9 and 23, August 6 and 20, September 10 and 24, October 15 and 29, every week in November, and December 3.




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