

ASHMONT OUTLOOK



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The Lovely Month of May

Thanks to Katie and Travis Lee for hosting the very well attended March meeting.

The next AHA meeting will be on Thursday, April 25, at 42 Ocean Street, hosted by Bob and Vicki Rugo. The meeting starts at 7:30; light supper at 7. On the agenda: Andrea Campbell, our District 4 City Councilor and current president of the Boston City Council; neighbor Christina Metcalfe, who is on the board of Greater Ashmont Main Street; and Joy Gary, recently hired as Program Assistant and Ashmont Farmers Market Manager at Greater Ashmont Main Street.

There's lots going on in the month ahead, from the Dot Park Egg Hunt, to the neighborhood photo, to the Yard Sale, to several concerts, to the AHA meeting. Monthly meetings and other activities are an easy way to get to know your neighbors and to learn what's going on in Ashmont Hill and beyond. We invite and encourage you to get involved!

Vicki Rugo
for the AHA Board



The Yard Sale Turns 40!

The neighborhood's longest-running tradition, the Ashmont Hill Yard Sale, returns on Saturday, May 18, 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 11.**

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 25
7:30 p.m.

42 Ocean Street

hosted by

Bob & Vicki Rugo

Light supper at 7,

desserts appreciated

Agenda:

City Council President Andrea Campbell
Christina Metcalfe, Greater Ashmont
Main Street

Joy Gary, Greater Ashmont Main Street
C-11 Report

New Business, Announcements

Community Calendar

Dot Park Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. sharp
Tennis courts at Dorchester Park

Peabody Square

Ribbon Cutting

Friday, April 26, 11 a.m.
In Peabody Square

AHA Cleans Peabody Square

Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m.
and every fourth Saturday

Codman Square

Love Your Block Event

Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Start at Codman Square Park

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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. We reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity and length.

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March Meeting Notes

Susan Cascino from the Office of the Environment talked about Boston's efforts to reduce waste and increase recycling. Many people do "wishful recycling," putting dirty or unacceptable items in recycling. The recycling rate in Massachusetts is currently 21%; it would be 40% if guidelines were followed. The Mass. Department of Environmental Protection has started an initiative to standardize recycling statewide. We need to work with domestic markets to feed recyclables into local or regional manufacturing, and trying to get manufacturers to take responsibility for end-of-life recycling of products. Go to RecycleSmart-MA.org to learn more about what to recycle; also go to boston.gov and search on Recycling.

Joe Katusich from the Martin Richard Foundation described their Spring Day of Service on Sunday, May 19, 12 to 4 p.m., with the theme of building a better future for young people. Activities will take place mainly at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute but also at sites around Dorchester. The Foundation is participating in the Mother's Day Walk for Peace on May 12, with the goal of raising \$15,000. Info: martinrichardfoundation.org or joe@martinrichardfoundation.org.

James Hobin, the art teacher at Boston International High School in Dorchester, described the 10x20-foot, oil-on-canvas mural called "The Peaceable Kingdom" that his students are creating. He plans to make a proposal to the MBTA to have it installed on the brick wall at the south entrance to Ashmont Station. as part of the T's Temporary Art and Temporary Community/ Youth Mural Program, and is asking for AHA's support. Those present voted unanimously in favor of AHA sending a letter of support to the T.

Elle Ducheine and James Guerrier from Ripple Cafe in The Carruth described their vision of creating a community gathering space. They offer sustainable grown coffees and teas,

baked goods, smoothies, yogurt parfaits, and more. Hours are Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Matt Thayer from American Provisions in the Treadmark building described how he and business partner Andy Fadous opened their first shop in South Boston eight years ago. They both live locally and are excited to be in our neighborhood now. They offer wine and beer, cheeses and charcuterie, sandwiches, specialty foods, and more. Hours are Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

—Lianne Ames, note taker

AH Summer Block Party: Save the Date

Ashmont Hill's family-friendly summer party will be on Sunday, June 23, from 3 to 7 p.m. Watch for details next month. Questions? Contact AHA board member Christina Metcalfe at christina.metcalfe8@gmail.com.

Peabody Square Ribbon-Cutting

Come celebrate the beautifully revitalized Peabody Square at a ribbon-cutting with city officials on Friday, April 26, at 11 a.m. Funding to make the redesigned East and West Plazas a reality was a true community effort: Greater Ashmont Main Street led a crowdfunding campaign with Patronicity that secured donations from 135 friends, neighbors and Dorchester small businesses. This allowed the project to secure matching funds from Mass Development's Commonwealth Places Fund, the Boston Main Streets Foundation, and additional support from the Martin Richard Foundation, Peregrine Group, and Trinity Financial. Topped off with a grant from the Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund. The total raised was an amazing \$96,430! So come see what's new in the Square; we can all look forward to enjoying these spaces as the weather gets warm.

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About the Neighborhood

Dot Park Egg Hunt

Bring your kids—and some baskets—to the annual Dorchester Park Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m. sharp (things happen fast!). There will be thousands of eggs to be found, and the Easter Bunny will be on hand for photos. Meet at the tennis courts; the park entrances on Hutchinson, Richview, and Adams streets are closest. Presented by the Dorchester Park Association.

Celebrate Community and Earth Day!

On Saturday, April 27, the Codman Square Neighborhood Council celebrates Earth Day and Love Your Block with a series of activities, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., that showcase green initiatives in the community. The day starts out with cleanups at Codman Square Park and Dr. Loesch Family Park on Wainwright Street, from 9 to 11 a.m. Kids can enjoy activities, arts and crafts from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Codman Square Park, with free food and beverages. At 11:30 a.m., there will be a Children's Parade to the Nightingale Community Gardens, on Park Street, to learn about urban farming. From 2 to 3 p.m., speakers will talk about ways of building a sustainable future in Codman Square, including community efforts to redesign Codman Square Park. All are welcome.

Main Street Annual Meeting

Greater Ashmont Main Street holds its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 6:30–8 p.m., in the lower hall at All Saints Church. The Volunteer of the Year and Business of the Year will be honored, committees will report, and members will vote on the budget and director nominations. Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell is

guest speaker. The meeting is open to the public, and all are welcome, but only Main Street members can vote on the business matters. A light dinner from Flames BBQ will be provided. (Why Flames? Come find out.)

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, May 1, 7:15 p.m., at 22 Harley Street, hosted by Lil Konowitz. The book for May is *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris. 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.

Smile & Clean Up!

It's time to give Ashmont Hill a Spring "pick-me-up." On Saturday, May 4, at 9 a.m., we'll start off with the annual neighborhood photo, plus coffee and donuts, at 71 Ocean Street, hosted by the Lind/Hough household. 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.*)

DotJazz Wraps Up the Series

The final show of the 2018-2019 series, on Thursday, May 9, features a quartet led by longtime musical partners alto saxophonist Kurtis Rivers and guitarist Alain Pacowski. They will be joined by bassist Paul Dilley and drummer Miki Matsuki, the wonderful rhythm section from their years-long residency at Dorchester's Ramsay/Toy VFW Post. Venue is Peabody Hall at

All Saints Church. Doors open at 7 p.m., music starts at 7:30. The \$15 ticket, at the door or at dotjazz.org, includes dessert and non-alcoholic beverages; wine available for purchase. Co-presented by Greater Ashmont Main Street and Mandorla Music.

Music for Bach's Favorite Instruments

The second Bach Project concert of the season features some of the nation's finest period musicians performing solo works by the composer. The concert takes place on Sunday, May 12, at 4 p.m., in the sanctuary at All Saints Church. Shirley Hunt will perform the Cello Suite No. 3 in C Major. Michael Sponseller will play the Suite for Harpsichord in E minor. And Andrew Sheranian, organist and master of choristers at All Saints, will perform the Passacaglia and Fugue for organ in C minor. Tickets: adult/\$25, student/\$18, EBT card holder/\$3, children under 13 free; at the door or at ahchambermusic.org.

Main Street Garden Gala

Greater Ashmont Main Street hosts a Garden Gala on Saturday, May 18, 7–11 p.m., at All Saints Church, to celebrate 20 years of impressive achievements and look to the future. This black-tie optional celebration of Main Street's work in our Dorchester Avenue business district features food, music, comedy, and a silent auction. 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; 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's celebration will close with a DJ and dancing. Tickets \$80 at greaterashmont.org/tix.

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Community Calendar

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Greater Ashmont Main Street Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 6:30–8 p.m.
Lower Hall, All Saints Church

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Wednesday, May 1, 7:15 p.m.
22 Harley Street

Neighborhood Photo and Cleanup

Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m.
71 Ocean Street

DotJazz Concert

Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m.
Peabody Hall, All Saints Church

Bach Project II Concert

Sunday, May 12, 4 p.m.
All Saints Church Sanctuary

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

DHS Annual Meeting with Ed & Bill Forry

Sunday, May 19, 2 p.m.
Location TBA

AHA Monthly Meeting

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

Forrys to Speak at DHS Annual Meeting

Ed Forry and Bill Forry are the featured speakers at the Dorchester Historical Society's Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m., location TBA. The father/son duo, Associate Publisher and Publisher/Editor, respectively, of the *Dorchester Reporter*, will tell the story of their family-owned newspaper, from its founding in 1983, through nearly four decades of challenges and successes, to its vital role in our community today. The Annual Meeting and all monthly DHS programs—generally held at DHS headquarters, 195 Boston Street—are open to the public and free of charge.

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