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Hello, Neighbors!

Many thanks to Bob and Vicki Rugo for hosting the September meeting, which close to 40 people attended. It was nice to welcome so many new neighbors.

The next AHA monthly meeting, the Annual Meeting, is on Thursday, October 26, at 35 Roslin Street, hosted by Shawn and Nicole Duhamel. See details to the right about a special pre-meeting Halloween activity. The meeting will begin at 7:30 as usual.

On the agenda: Travis Lee will give an illustrated talk about the DotGreenway envisioned for the Red Line tunnel cap between Peabody Square and Park Street in Fields Corner, seeking support and feedback as the proposal moves forward. You can also check it out—and weigh in—at courbanize.com/projects/dotgreenway/information. The initial outreach continues through November. Also, Rep. Russell Holmes, whose district includes most of the neighborhood, will give an update on matters being addressed on Beacon Hill. Lastly, two neighbors have agreed to join the AHA Board for 2017-18, but nominations are still open if anyone is interested; we will vote on the slate at this meeting.

While AHA does not meet in November or December, we will get together for the annual Holiday Party *(continued on page 4)*

Halloween on the Hill

Neighbors are invited to create DIY Halloween decorations on Thursday, October 26, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., right before the Ashmont Hill Association's monthly meeting at 35 Roslin Street. (Thanks to meeting hosts Nicole and Shawn for agreeing to this added activity.) The usual light supper will be available starting at 6:30.

Neighbors Karen Silver, Grace Cleveland, and Christina Metcalfe will provide all the supplies needed to make floating ghosts, spiderwebs, and witches hats to decorate your house and yard, to help welcome the many trick-or-treaters who love coming to the Hill on Halloween. If you can't make the meeting but would like materials to make a decoration, contact Grace Cleveland at gcclevel@amazon.com or Christina Metcalfe at Christina.metcalfe8@gmail.com; let them know if you have a preference.

(An easy do-at-home decoration: cover your front door with strips of toilet paper, add two circles cut from construction paper or wrapping paper for eyes, and you have a Mummy Door!)

Then, in the spirit of friendly competition, on Sunday, October 29, starting at 6 p.m., a "judging committee" will visit all the decorated houses in the neighborhood and will select the top three to receive prizes. Let Grace or *(continued on page 2)*

Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

**Thursday, October 26,
7:30 p.m.**

35 Roslin Street

hosted by

Shawn & Nicole Duhamel

**Halloween Decorations
and Supper at 6:30 p.m.**

(note time)

Desserts appreciated

Community Calendar

Hubway Expansion Meeting

Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m. - noon
Codman Square Library

Hidden Treasures of Dorchester

Sunday, October 22, 2 p.m.
Peabody Hall, All Saints Church

Free Hatha Yoga

Tuesdays, 10/24; 11/7, 14, 21; 12/5, 12, 19
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Fields Corner Library

AH Cleans Peabody Square

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

Halloween Decorations Judging

Sunday, October 29, 6 p.m.
Throughout the neighborhood

Halloween for Students

Tuesday, October 31, 2:30 - 4 p.m.
Along Ashmont 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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Christina know if you want to make sure your house is considered on the 29th, or if you would like to be part of the viewing committee.

Thanks to Karen, Grace, and Christina for their energy and ideas in organizing these Halloween activities!

September Meeting Notes

Officer Mike Keaney reported that Part 1 (serious) crimes in the district are generally down, but there has been a slight increase in commercial break-ins, including two in Peabody Square (for which there are leads), and in homicides. Discussion re: how the officer who be in the neighborhood for Halloween might interact with trick-or-treaters, also about the possibility of cameras on Ashmont Street...not likely but we could request.

Meg Mack presented the idea of a group of neighbors signing up for weekly delivery of Red's Best Seafood and other items through Evergreen Delivery after the Farmers Market closes. Customers would order and pay online and pick up at a neighborhood drop-off location. Contact Meg at mm.archlight@verizon.net for more info.

Josh Waxman, executive director of the Martin Richard Foundation, described the foundation's activities, which include supporting youth sports programs and community organizations in Dorchester and beyond. They are already working on plans for the annual One Boston Day next spring. The Foundation is open to requests from community groups for help with projects that align with their mission.

Nino Barbalace, who is opening Zia Gianna Caffe and Bakery in the former Dot2Dot space, described his plans... and brought delicious tiramisu for us to sample. He will be open Tuesday through Sunday, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., serving breakfast and lunch with an Italian/Sicilian focus and a modern, neighborhood atmosphere. He has

applied for a wine and beer license and will consider evening events once he is up and running. He hopes to open by the end of October.

Christina Metcalfe reported on an Ashmont Street neighbors meeting that continued discussion of concerns about student behavior and ways to have better relationship with students. It was noted that several cars were badly damaged when students walked across them, which has happened before. Leo Bray then reported on the bi-monthly meeting that Captain Connolly has with representatives of the neighborhoods within the district. Issues and concerns that are posted to the list serve or emailed to info@ashmonthill.org will be taken to future meetings. Halloween and other upcoming events were also discussed and are covered elsewhere.

—Lianne Ames, *notetaker*

Greater Ashmont Main Street Events

Fall Back House Party Celebrate Fall and "falling back" on Sunday, November 5, 7 - 9 p.m., at the home of Winston Vaughan and Sylvia Broude, 8 Ashmont Street. Enjoy delectable fare and catch up with friends old and new. There is no set door charge for this event; traditionally \$35 per person, this year the dollar amount is open and will be matched 2:1 by grant funders, so your generosity is encouraged. Proceeds benefit planned physical improvements to Peabody Square's plazas.

Dot Jazz Series On Thursday, November 9, Greater Ashmont MS and Mandorla Music Series present an evening of Brazilian music, as part of their quarterly jazz concerts in the neighborhood. Doors open at 7 p.m. in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church; music starts at 7:30. Tickets are \$15, at the door or at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3040086, and include dessert and nonalcoholic beverages; wine also available. Make a night of it: Ticket-holders are eligible to receive

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About the Neighborhood

Hubway Expansion Meeting

The Boston Transportation Department plans to add more than 70 Hubway bike share stations, including in neighborhoods that don't currently have the service. Meetings are being held across the city to give residents an opportunity to provide input on new locations, including on Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m. - noon, at the Codman Square Library. Also suggest potential locations at suggest.thehubway.com.

Hidden Treasures of Dorchester

On Sunday, October 22, at 2 p.m., Dorchester Historical Society board member Andrew Saxe presents an expanded version of his popular illustrated talk on Dorchester's architecture and development that includes churches, architecturally significant houses, and the Baker Chocolate complex. In Peabody Hall at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont Street. Free and open to the public.

Ashmont Hill Cleans Up Peabody Square

Saturday, October 28, is Ashmont Hill's turn to do a quick cleanup in Peabody Square (other neighborhoods do other weekends). Our focus is on the plaza by the Ashmont Grill and in the Clock Park. If you can spare half an hour, your help would be welcome. Meet at 9 a.m. outside the Grill. Bring work gloves if you have them; trash bags provided. Thank you!

Halloween for Students

In an effort to develop a positive relationship with the many students who travel through the neighborhood every day, Jenny Silverman, Karen Sil-

ver, and Christina Metcalfe will be setting up trick-or-treat stops along Ashmont Street on Halloween afternoon, between 2:30 and 4 p.m., to hand out chips, candy, and other treats. They are looking for neighbors to help with this. Please email Karen at karensilver@hotmail.com or Christina at Christina.metcalfe8@gmail.com if you can join them for all or part of the time. Also, while they are willing to pay for the goodies they will be distributing, contributions towards their purchase are welcome and may be made at the AHA meeting on October 26.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, November 1, 7:15 p.m., at 42 Ocean Street, hosted by Vicki Rugo. November's book is *Commonwealth*, by Ann Patchett. Book Group meets the first Wednesday of the month; all are welcome! Info: klil@yahoo.com.

Daffodils for the Hill

Stop by 86 Ocean Street (home of Jeff Gonyeau and Jack Dennerlein) on Saturday, November 4, between 9 and 9:30 a.m., to pick up a bag of daffodil bulbs to plant in the Ashmont/Burt and Welles/Alban landscaped corners and elsewhere in the neighborhood. It's part of the City's 2017 Boston Blooms with Daffodils beautification initiative; some 20,000 bulbs will be distributed to be planted in public ways citywide. Planting instructions provided.

Claremont Trio Concert

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music presents the Claremont Trio on Sunday, November 5, at 4 p.m., in Peabody Hall, All Saints Church. The program includes the Mozart Trio in B-flat Major, K. 502; Kati Agócs's "Queen of Hearts" (written for the Claremont Trio in 2017); and the Mendelssohn Trio No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 49. The Claremonts—Emily Bruskin, violin; Julia Bruskin, cello; and Andrea Lam, piano—are widely praised as one of

America's finest young chamber groups.

Tickets, \$25, at ahchambermusic.org or at the door; children under 13 admitted free. A reception follows the concert.

ADSL Fall Basketball League

There is still time to register for the in-house basketball league, for ages 7-10, at All Dorchester Sports and Leadership at Town Field in Fields Corner. Games are every Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon, through December 16. Register at www.alldorchester.org or call 617-287-1601.

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15% off their pre-show dinner at Tavolo Ristorante, exclusive of alcohol, tax, and gratuity; show your electronic or paper ticket confirmation to your server.

Fall Informational Meeting On Wednesday, November 15, 6-8 p.m., at Epiphany School, 154 Centre Street (Shawmut T stop), enjoy a light dinner from the new Caffe Zia Gianna and hear what Greater Ashmont MS committees have been doing. Featured are brief presentations on the Historic Preservation Index, which categorizes every building and parcel in the district for restoration or redevelopment, and the Complete Streets Sensitive Parking study of the district, prepared by consultants Howard Stein Hudson, and next steps for advocacy and solutions.



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Community Calendar

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Ashmont Hill Book Group

Wednesday, November 1, 7:15 p.m.
42 Ocean Street

Daffodil Pick-up

Saturday, November 4, 9 - 9:30 a.m.
86 Ocean Street

Claremont Trio Concert

Sunday, November 5, 4 p.m.
Peabody Hall, All Saints Church

Main Street "Fall Back" House Party

Sunday, November 5, 7 - 9 p.m.
8 Ashmont Street

Dot Jazz Series: Brazil

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

Greater Ashmont Main Street Fall Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 6-8 p.m.
Epiphany School, 154 Centre Street

Standout for Black Lives

Thursday, November 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Ashmont Station Plaza

Hello Neighbors

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in December (date and location TBD). All Ashmont Hill neighbors, whether owners or renters, are welcome to AHA meetings and other neighborhood activities. We hope to see you in the months ahead.

David H. Mooney

for the AHA Board

Codman Square Library

690 Washington Street
617-436-8214

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

Harvest Party with magician Debbie O'Carroll: Mon., Oct. 30, 6 p.m.

Manga drawing workshop: Tues., Nov. 7, 14 and 21, 4:30 p.m.

Quiltmaking for Generations: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime: Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
Preschool Storytime: Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Baby Storytime: Saturday, Oct. 28 at 11 a.m.

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