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### Nearly Novemburrrr

Thanks to Leo Bray and David Mooney for hosting the September meeting; it was great to meet some new neighbors! See meeting notes on page 2.

The next AHA meeting is on Thursday, October 30, 7:30 p.m., at 70 Roslin Street (corner of Ocean), hosted by Jay and Sheila Larson. Captain Richard Sexton from C-11 will be there, and members of Trinity Financial's team will give an update on the Ashmont Tire development. Jerome Smith, the director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services; Jooree Losordo, owner of On the Dot Books; Ty Muto, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator at the Codman Square Health Center; and our state representative, Russell Holmes, are also expected at the meeting, and we'll also elect AHA board members for 2015. It will be a full agenda, but we promise to keep things moving!

This will be AHA's last monthly meeting of 2014, but not the last AHA gathering of the year: watch next month for details about the annual Holiday Party, Peabody Square Tree Lighting, and other seasonal activities.

Have a safe and happy Halloween, all!

*Dicki Rugo*

President, Board of Directors  
Ashmont Hill Association

### Dorchester Open Studios #13!

This year's Dorchester Open Studios, October 24-26, showcases local artists from a variety of disciplines, including music, dance, poetry, painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, videography, and more, exhibiting at locations throughout Dorchester. All events and activities are free.

The festivities begin on Friday, October 24, from 6 to 9 p.m., with an opening reception and performances at Codman Academy's Black Box Theater. The performances start at 7:15 p.m., with folk singer Bethel Steele, the Jah-N-I Roots Band, Boston Tap Company, the Urban Youth Project dance company, soul/R&B singer/songwriter Aisling Peartree, and more. Theater entrance is on Epping Street, behind the Great Hall.

Studio and group sites are open on Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26, from noon to 5 p.m. Maps showing locations, artists, and shuttle stops will be available at all sites, in the community, and at [dac-online.org](http://dac-online.org). Among the locations: First Parish Church, on Meeting House Hill; Allen Park, across from First Parish (where graffiti artists will display their techniques on sheets of plywood); the Vietnamese American Community Center, 42 Charles St.; and the Great Hall in Codman Square.

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### Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 30  
7:30 p.m.

70 Roslin Street,  
hosted by Jay & Sheila Larson  
Supper at 7, desserts appreciated

**Agenda:**

C-11 Captain Richard Sexton  
Trinity Financial: Ashmont Tire  
Update

Other speakers as noted  
AHA Board elections

### Community Calendar

**Dorchester Open Studios**  
Friday-Sunday, October 24-26

**Daffodil Bulb Planting**  
Saturday, October 25

**SMAMS "Cocktails at the Carriage House"**  
Saturday, October 25, 5 - 7 p.m.  
31 Ocean Street

**Harvest Festival**  
Sunday, October 26, 1 - 3 p.m.  
Cedar Grove Gardens, 911 Adams St.

**Ashmont Hill Book Group**  
Wednesday, November 5, 7:30 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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### Dorchester Open Studios

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Also, Walter Baker Lofts in Lower Mills; The Boston Home, 2049 Dorchester Ave.; and DAC's home space, the Erick Jean Center for the Arts, 157A Washington St....where kids can get free face-painting on Saturday, 2:30 to 3:30. Several home galleries will also be open.

### Don Miller

Former long-time Harley Street neighbor Don Miller died on October 15 at the age of 85. Don and his wife, Ann, were enthusiastic and supportive neighbors throughout their years here: they moved to Ashmont Hill in June 1977 and relocated to a senior living community in March 2013. A priest in the Episcopal Church, Don served in parishes throughout eastern Massachusetts; after he retired, he was priest associate at All Saints' Ashmont. The AHA board sends it sympathies to Ann on behalf of the neighborhood. The service for Don will be at All Saints' on Saturday, November 1, at 2 p.m., with a reception to follow.

— Vicki Rugo

### September Meeting Notes

At-large City Councilor Michelle Wu gave an update on her activities (she'll be going on maternity leave in December). She is focusing on small business opportunities and support; on homelessness, particularly among young people; on fossil fuel divestment; and on affordable childcare, particularly the needs of workers in the healthcare industry.

C-11 Community Service Officer Mike Keaney reported that a shooting suspect tossed a gun on Ashmont Street, was captured on Alban Street by Youth Violence Task Force members in the area; incident was a drug deal gone bad. Three young Hispanic males punched a man walking towards Peabody Square from the Y; he had in fact been stabbed but was OK; a picture of one assailant

was obtained from the T and circulated. Kids broke into an empty house on Mellen Street to practice break dancing; one of them had previously lived in the house. Officer Keaney said there seems to be a jump in violence among kids around the end and beginning of each school year; the Youth Violence Task Force is proactive on such issues.

Andrea Baez, the new executive director of the Dorchester YMCA, described new programs at the Y that are focused on teens. The Y is now open Friday nights until 11:00; kids use the gym and other facilities and are fed pizza. AAU skills and drills have been added for girls' basketball. Hours will be extended in January; they are considering Saturday night events. They gave out 700 teen memberships over the summer; they're making a real effort to fill the gap when kids are out of school. Programs include SAT prep, a cyber bullying program, and safe dates curriculum. An academic recovery center will help make sure that kids graduate. When Codman Academy kids use the gym in the afternoon, Tech Boston kids are in the fitness facility from 4-6; that's the busiest time of the day. Space can be made available for community meetings and events. She invites everyone to check out the Y; ask for a guest pass at the desk and mention her name.

Trinity Financial's Ashmont Tire project will be going before the BRA and they have asked for a letter of support from AHA. After considerable discussion, the AHA members at the meeting voted to submit a letter of support to the BRA.

Current AHA board members were nominated for another year; former board member David Mooney also was nominated. Vicki discussed the duties of the board and the possibility of reforming some committees. Interest was expressed in updating the neighborhood improvement plan.

State Rep. Russell Holmes discussed the Dearborn School proposed demolition and the issue of station location

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## About the Neighborhood

### Help Dorchester Bloom

Ashmont Hill and surroundings will be bursting with blooms next spring if we all pitch in to plant hundreds of daffodil bulbs, provided by the City's Boston Blooms program, on Saturday, October 25. (Rain date Nov. 1.) Here's where to start: **42 Ocean Street at 9:30 a.m.**, for Ashmont Hill (coffee and donuts!); **Ashmont Station Plaza at 10:30 a.m.**, to plant at the plaza and around Peabody Square (also coffee and donuts!)

### Main Streets Have Fun and Raise Funds

**St. Mark's Area Main Street** invites neighbors to "Cocktails at the Carriage House" on Saturday, October 25, 5 to 7 p.m., at 31 Ocean Street, the Ashmont Hill home of Nancy Anderson. Enjoy cocktails and appetizers, see the transformation of this circa 1894 carriage house into a beautiful, inviting home, and support SMAMS' work in our community. Buy tickets, \$35 for one, \$50 for two, online ([www.smams.org](http://www.smams.org)) through Friday, October 24, or by check at the door; either way, advance registration on the website is appreciated.

**Fields Corner Main Street** holds the tenth annual Martinis on the Avenue (aka the "Dot-ini"), aptly named "the X-Tini," on Thursday, November 6, (7 to 10 p.m.), at The Blarney Stone. Join world-famous MC, actor, playwright, and neighbor Ryan Landry for hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and a lively live auction, all to support the work of FCMS. Buy tickets online (\$30) at [fieldscorner.org](http://fieldscorner.org) or at the door (\$35).

### Harvest Festival

Cedar Grove Gardens holds its annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 26, 1 to 3 p.m., with hayrides, pinatas,

balloons and refreshments. Children's costumes are encouraged. Free of charge.

### Ashmont Hill Book Group

The next Book Group meeting is Wednesday, November 5, 7:30 p.m., at 22 Harley Street, hosted by Lil Konowitz. We will be talking about *Almost a Great Escape* by Tyler Trafford. The book for December is *House of Sky* by Ivan Doig. The group meets the first Wednesday of the month; all are welcome. Info: [klil@hotmail.com](mailto:klil@hotmail.com) or call the Message Line.

### Dinner Theatre in the Neighborhood!

The Avenue Stage theater company and Dot 2 Dot Cafe, 1739 Dorchester Avenue, team up to bring you "Dinner and a Show," where you can enjoy dinner and dessert during a performance of the bittersweet British comedy, *Home*, by David Storey. Opening night is Friday, November 7; dinners and performances are every Friday and Saturday through November 22. Dinner seating is from 6 to 6:30; the performance begins at 7:15. Tickets (\$30) and menus: [www.avenuestage.com](http://www.avenuestage.com) or call Brown Paper Tickets, 800-838-3006.

### DHS November Program

On Sunday, November 16, 2 p.m., Diane Jacobsohn, PhD, presents "Three-Decker Menace," at the Dorchester Historical Society, 195 Boston Street. Through the lens of social history, she will describe how a popular multifamily dwelling, notable for its vernacular architecture, came to be considered undesirable housing.

### AHCM 2014-2015 Concert Series

September 28 marked the third concert of Ashmont Hill Chamber Music's 2014 concert series with Trinidadian soprano Jeanine de Bique at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Uphams Corner. Special thanks to concert hosts Fred

Mason of Ocean Street, First Parish in Milton, and the Rev. Edwin Johnson and Dan Cushing at St. Mary's. The 2015 season opens Sunday, January 25, with the world-renowned Borromeo String Quartet performing Schubert and Beethoven in the newly renovated Peabody Hall at All Saints' Church. The 2015 season will also include "A House Concert on the Hill" with Early Music, and a third concert featuring Osvaldo Golijov's "The Dreams and Prayers of Isaac the Blind." Info: [ahchambermusic.org](http://ahchambermusic.org) or Christina Keefe, 617-680-7542.

### Get Fit in Dot

**All Dorchester Sports League** is now offering co-ed fitness training—strength training, cardio and weightlifting—on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. at ADSL Field House, 1565 Dorchester Avenue in Fields Corner. Cost is \$5 per session. Info: 617-287-1601 or [alldot-sports.verizon.net](http://alldot-sports.verizon.net).

**Free hatha yoga at the Fields Corner library**, for all levels, resumes regular Tuesday evening classes from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on November 18th, and runs for five weeks through December 16.

As a pilot program, there will also be a month of Saturday classes, on October 18 and 25, and November 1 and 8, 12:30 - 2 p.m.

### Fall Leaf/Yard Waste Collection

The collection has started and runs through November 29; no yard waste will be collected with trash during this period. Place leaves and yard debris in large paper leaf bags or open barrels labeled "yard waste" (no plastic bags). For stickers, call 617-635-4500. Tie branches with string, 3' maximum length. Do not put branches in barrels. Put barrels, bags and branches on the curb by 7 a.m. of your regular trash/recycling day.



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**Community Calendar**

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**FCMS “X-Tini”  
Martinis on the Avenue**  
Thursday, November 6, 7 - 10 p.m.  
The Blarney Stone

**Opening Night: Home  
 (“Dinner and a Show”)**  
Friday, November 7, 6 p.m.  
Dot 2 Dot Cafe, 1739 Dorchester Ave.

**Historical Society Program:  
 “Three-Decker Menace”**  
Sunday, November 16, 2 p.m.  
DHS Headquarters, 195 Boston St.

**Save the Date:  
Peabody Square Tree Lighting**  
Saturday, November 29, 7 p.m.  
Ashmont Station Plaza

**September Meeting Notes**

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near Mattapan Square. He wants to discuss his positions on the ballot questions next month.

— Lianne Ames, notetaker

**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 play group/Countdown to  
Kindergarden: Mondays @ 10:30 a.m.**  
(library is technically close; knock on the door!)

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

**After-school crafts with Sherry: Tues-  
day, 11/4, 11/18, & 11/25.**

**Preschool films: Fridays @ 11 a.m.**

**Baby storytime: Fridays @ 2 p.m.**

*All activities free and drop-in.*





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