

ASHMONT OUTLOOK



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You are cordially invited to
**Ashmont Hill's 17th Annual
Movable Feast**

Saturday, September 6, 2014, 6 to 9 p.m.

*Join your neighbors old and new for an evening of good food,
great neighborhood spirit, and
cool music.*

The Schedule

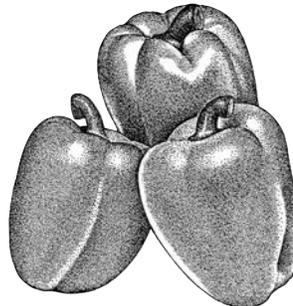
6:00 p.m. Appetizers & Drinks

11 Ocean Street
Hosts: Jim & Elena Scherer

7:00 p.m. Late-summer Gourmet Buffet & Dessert

97 Ocean Street
Host: Bob MacEachern
Music by the Greg Toro Trio

(Dorchester born and bred, bass player Greg Toro is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music and performs at venues throughout the Boston area. We are delighted to welcome his trio to the Feast again this year!)



PLUS The Dining in the Neighborhood Raffle!

Generous gift certificates from Dorchester and Milton restaurants and businesses

Party tickets are \$15 per person. RSVP by Monday, September 1 using the reply card and envelope provided (mail or drop off). While walk-ins are welcome, your advance reply is greatly appreciated by the party planners.

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Community Calendar

Free Hatha Yoga Class

Every Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., thru Oct. 7
Fields Corner Library

Ashmont/Peabody Square Farmers' Market

Every Friday, 3 - 7 p.m., thru Oct. 17
Ashmont Station Plaza

Codman Square Farmers' Market

Every Saturday,
10 a.m. - 3 p.m., thru Oct. 25
Codman Square Park
(Talbot & Washington)

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m.
42 Ocean Street

Antique Car Show/Family Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Dorchester Park

Dot Open Studios 2014

Artists' Early Registration deadline: Sept. 10
Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 25 & 26
throughout Dorchester

Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.
Details in the next Outlook

"Dinner at Willow Court"

Friday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m.
Dorchester Historical Society,
195 Boston St.

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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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What to Bring to the Feast:

If you live on the **odd-numbered** side of your street, please bring an appetizer serving 6-8 with you to 11 Ocean Street.

If you live on the **even-numbered** side of your street, please bring a dessert serving 6-8. Drop it off at 97 Ocean Street between 5 and 6 p.m. (no refrigeration) or bring with you to the dinner.

If needed, please bring a serving utensil appropriate for your dish: serving spoon, pie server, etc. Please label all dishes and serving utensils if you want them returned.

Non-alcoholic beverages provided.

Dining in the Neighborhood Raffle!

Raffle tickets \$2 each or 6 for \$10, available throughout the evening. Winning tickets will be drawn during dessert.

Raffle proceeds benefit the programs and activities of the Ashmont Hill Association.

Questions? Want to help before, during, or after the party?

Please call the Ashmont Hill Message Line 617-822-8178 or email info@ashmonthill.org.

June 26 Meeting Notes

Thanks very much to Nancy Anderson for hosting the June meeting even before she had officially moved into her new home. Our next AHA meeting will be on Thursday, September 25; watch for details in the next issue of the *Outlook*.

C-11 Community Service Officer Mike Keaney reported on several housebreaks in the immediate neighborhood that involved the theft of electronics, jewelry and other valuables. It is likely that people were ringing doorbells to see if anyone was home and if there was no answer, they looked for a way to break in. Detectives have been investigating, and Captain Sexton has ordered an increased police presence, which may not always be in marked police vehicles. Everyone was encouraged to be aware of their surroundings and call 911 (617-343-4911 from a

cellphone) to report anything at all suspicious; state that the event is "in progress" so it will be made a priority. Two brothers were arrested for the shooting on Bailey Street. Members of the Youth Violence Strike Force found several loaded guns in a car where the occupants were drinking in public.

David Keenan, candidate for Suffolk County Register of Probate, described the wide-ranging responsibilities of the position and his qualifications for the job.

The Department of Neighborhood Development did not accept either of two proposals received for the development of 719 Washington Street, the former gas station property at the bottom of Roslin Street. We heard about one of the proposals at our May meeting. DND is starting the process again.

Representatives from Trinity Financial presented their development proposal for the Ashmont Tire property on Dorchester Avenue between Fuller Street and Mercier Avenue. The proposal calls for a six-story building with 90 apartments and ground-floor retail space. As with The Carruth across the street, which Trinity also developed, the project would be a mix of affordable rental units and market-rate condominiums. The building would have 34 underground parking spaces, 10 behind the building, and 12 on the street in front. The entry lobby would be at the Mercier Avenue end of the building, with the retail focused at the Fuller Street end.

Trinity has signed a purchase-and-sale agreement with the owner of Ashmont Tire and is in a 90-day due diligence period during which they are meeting with community groups and individuals. They have begun the Article 80 process with the Boston Redevelopment Authority, which addresses the impacts that a development might have on the community, and are filing documents for necessary permits and variances. Future meetings will be scheduled to continue the conversation

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About the Neighborhood

Dot Park Car Show & Family Picnic

The second annual Antique Car Show and Family Fun Day takes place on Sunday, September 7, in Dorchester Park. Antique and classic cars will be on display from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Family activities will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will include everything from horse-drawn carriage rides to face painting, water balloon contests to sack races, K-9 demonstrations to fire trucks. Admission to the entire day is free. Bring a picnic or purchase food from food trucks and other vendors. Info: www.dotpark.org

Park Cleanup

The Dorchester Park Association would welcome volunteers on Saturday, September 6, from 9 a.m. to noon, to help with a cleanup for the next day's event. Please contact Richard O'Mara if you have questions: 617-825-8582

Ashmont Hill Book Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday, September 3, 7:30 p.m., at 42 Ocean Street, hosted by Vicki Rugo. We will be discussing *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. The group meets the first Wednesday of the month; all are welcome. Info: klil@hotmail.com or call the Message Line.

Dinner at Willow Court: Come Join the Party!

The Dorchester Historical Society invites everyone to "Dinner at Willow Court" on Friday, September 26, starting at 6 p.m., at DHS Headquarters, 195 Boston Street. This will be a festive evening to recall the style and elegance of earlier times, with cocktails, seated dinner, complimentary beverages, and live auction, with Master of Ceremonies Deb Farrar-Parkman. Period attire, à la

Downton Abbey, is encouraged: Victorian, Edwardian, Roaring 20s, upstairs or downstairs; photographer on hand for period portraits. Tickets \$150 per person (\$75 tax-deductible) at www.dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org or 617-293-3052. Proceeds will benefit the DHS Building Restoration Fund.

AHCM Autumn Concert

For its third concert of the 2014 season, Ashmont Hill Chamber Music presents Jeanine De Bique, soprano, on Sunday, September 28, at 3 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 14 Cushing Avenue in Dorchester. The program includes Mozart's three-part solo motet, "Exsultate, jubilate," K165; songs by Strauss and Wolf; songs from Mexico and Spain; and spirituals.

A native of Trinidad, Ms. De Bique is recognized as an artist of "dramatic presence and versatility" (*Washington Post*), whose luscious tone and compelling stage presence have led to accolades around the world. Tickets are \$21/adults; \$17/under 18 & over 65; available online at www.ahchambermusic.org or call Christina Keefe, 617-480-7542. Tickets also available at the door.

Dot Open Studios 2014 Registration Now Open

Dorchester Open Studios 2014 will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26. It is open to artists of all kinds: writers, painters, artisans, musicians, dancers, performers, poets, sculptors, and photographers. Artists' registration for Open Studios is officially open. The Early Registration fee is \$50; register by September 10 to be included in the Open Studios promotional flyer and map that will be inserted in the *Dorchester Reporter*. After September 10, registration will be \$65 and will not include listing in the *Reporter* insert. Go to www.dac-online.org to register.

Men Cook Again

Men of Boston Cook for Women's Health returns to the gala tent at the

Codman Square Health Center for its 17th year on Thursday, October 2. Some 30 of Boston's finest restaurants will be serving food alongside your favorite local celebrities, all to support essential women's health programs here in Dorchester. For tickets/info: menofboston.com or Scotland Huber at scotland.huber@codman.org or 617-822-8734.



Gene Navias

The Rev. Eugene B. Navias, a lifelong Unitarian and ordained minister, moved to 69 Ocean Street—one of Ashmont Hill's original 1870s Mansard "cottages"—in 1985. He died on August 17, at the age of 86, at Rogerson House in Jamaica Plain, where he had been cared for as his Alzheimer's worsened. Gene was an engaged neighbor throughout the years: he hosted AHA meetings and parties, helped with neighborhood cleanups, enjoyed the Yard Sale and Movable Feast, and also opened his beautifully furnished home for the Codman Square House Tour. Gene shared his life and his home with his partner Stanley Moss and later, after Stan's death from cancer in 2000, with Jim Buckley, who was supportive of Gene throughout his illness. (Jim has made his own contributions to the neighborhood as a member of the AHA board and, more recently, of the St. Mark's Area Main Street board.) The AHA board sends its sympathies to Jim and to Gene's family on behalf of the neighborhood. A memorial service for Gene will be held on Sunday, October 5, at 1 p.m., at Arlington Street Church.

— Vicki Rugo

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 14 Cushing Ave.

Men Cook for Women's Health
 Thursday, Oct. 2
 Codman Square Health Center

Meeting Notes

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with the community. Ashmont Tire will remain open for a year; the new building would be completed in 2017 if permitting goes according to plan. Trinity Management, which currently manages about 5,000 housing units including The Carruth, would manage this building as well.

Questions and comments from the group related to traffic, parking, the type of retail that would be desirable, handicapped accessibility, energy efficiency, car-sharing, the possibility of artists' housing, the possibility of community space, and similar issues.

Note: Subsequent to the June AHA meeting, Trinity held a community-wide meeting on July 21 at the Carney Hospital at which they presented an initial architectural concept for the building as well as preliminary floor plans, talked in more detail about the various aspects of the development, and took numerous questions and comments. Another community-wide meeting will be scheduled soon as part of the BRA's Article 80 process; this meeting will also be widely advertised. Anyone who has questions about the project, or who wants to be put on Trinity's mailing list for notifications of future meetings, should contact Project Manager Mathieu Zahler, Trinity Financial, Inc., 75 Federal Street, 4th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110; phone 617-720-8400 ext.254; email mzahler@trinityfinancial.com.

— 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

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