

ASHMONT OUTLOOK

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Ice Cream, We Scream...

Thanks to Bob MacEachern for hosting the May meeting; see meeting notes on page 2.

AHA's next meeting is on Thursday, June 27, 7:30 p.m., at 10 Ashmont Street (at Montague), hosted by Christina and Bobby Metcalfe, with make-your-own ice cream sundaes instead of supper. A brief agenda will allow for lots of socializing. After a summer break, AHA's next meeting is September 26.

We are sad to bid farewell to Alban Street neighbors David Mooney and Leo Bray, who are moving to California. David has been an essential member of the AHA board for much of his time on the Hill, while Leo has served on the board for the last few years. They have been generous with their time and talents and will be greatly missed. We wish them well.

A reminder that the Summer Block Party for neighbors of all ages is on Sunday, June 23, 3-7 p.m., on Montague Street at Ashmont Street. Activities for kids include a bounce house, balloon twister, face painting, and games. Burgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks provided; bring a side or dessert to share. We hope to see you there!

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer.

Dicki Ruigo
for the AHA Board



The Ashmont Farmers Market kicks off its 11th season on Friday, June 28, on Ashmont Station Plaza. The market will run every Friday, 3-7 p.m., through October 18, bringing fresh local produce and other local products, live music, games and activities for kids, and community resources to Peabody Square. Opening day features talented local musician Danny Rivera and his band playing lively and soulful music, with the official ribbon cutting ceremony at 4 p.m.

This year's weekly vendors include Sibling Organic Farm, with Asian specialty produce; Stony Creek Farm, with locally raised grass-fed beef, local honey, and maple syrup; breads, bagels, and sweet treats from George's Bakery Products, Leah's Gourmet Sauces, with low-sugar, fruit-based

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Ashmont Hill Association Monthly Meeting

Thursday, June 27
7:30 p.m.

Ice cream sundaes at 7
10 Ashmont Street
hosted by

Christina & Bobby Metcalfe
Cookies, etc. welcome!

Community Calendar

Standout for Black Lives

Fourth Thursday of the month
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Ashmont Station Plaza

AHA Cleans Peabody Square

Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m.
and every fourth Saturday

Summer Block Party!

Sunday, June 23, 3-7 p.m.
Montague Street at Ashmont Street

Ashmont Farmers Market Opens

Friday, June 28, 3-7 p.m.,
ribbon cutting at 4 p.m.
Ashmont Station Plaza
Every Friday through October 18

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Wednesday, August 7, 7:15 p.m.
42 Ocean 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 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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Neighbors and visitors enjoyed a glorious spring day during the annual neighborhood yard sale.

May Meeting Notes

Jeff Ross: The candidate for Boston City Council at-large talked about growing up poor; said he wants to focus on the Boston school system, affordable housing, and LGBTQ issues such as hate crimes.

Codman Square Park: Cynthia Loesch-Johnson from the Friends of Codman Square Park showed plans for the park to create a welcoming space that will bring more activity, reduce problematic uses, and reflect the history of Codman Square. A performance area, space for the Farmers Market, seating and interesting paving are all part of the plan, which has been developed working with an architect and an artist to realize their vision. Cost will be \$1.7 million. The Friends meet the second Wednesday of the month, at 5:30 p.m., in the park (weather permitting); all are welcome. Find details at: codmansquarecouncil.org/friends-of-the-codman-square-park/.

Bottom Line: Two representatives from the Bottom Line office in the Caruth talked about the services they provide. A nonprofit founded in 1997, Bottom Line works with low-income

high school students who are usually their first in their family to go to college, helping them through the college search and application/financial aid process. Once students start college, they provide a support system for them through to graduation and also to graduate school. They operate regional programs in Massachusetts, New York City, and Chicago that collectively serve over 6,000 students.

Neighborhood entrepreneur: A local teen from Ashmont Street who is working with Junior Achievement presented the product her team developed, which is a privacy screen/screen protector for cellphones.

C-11 report: There were several drug-related arrests and a phone store robbery. Someone tried to scam an elderly couple by paving their driveway (unasked) and then demanding \$5,000 for the job. The police were called, the "paver" fled, and the couple got a new driveway for free. A question was asked about access to the police crime database: it is public but incidents are heavily redacted.

— Carlos Romay, notetaker

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About the Neighborhood

Yard Sale Report

On another beautiful day in the neighborhood, close to 70 participants sold their wares at 50-plus locations throughout Ashmont Hill. The sale netted the Ashmont Hill Association \$332.44 after all expenses were paid, but more important, hundreds of people shopped, swapped, and enjoyed being out and about in Dorchester. Thanks, as always, to Joe Gildea for working his magic to make the event come together.

AHA Cleans Peabody Square

Saturday, June 22, is Ashmont Hill's day to clean up Peabody Square West and the Clock Park. Meet by the Ashmont Grill at 9 a.m.; bring gloves and a plastic trash bag if you can.

Codman Square Farmers Market Opens

The Codman Square Farmers Market kicks off the season on Saturday, June 29, and runs every Saturday, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. through September 14, in Codman Square Park, at the corner of Talbot Avenue and Washington Street. Vendors include Herr Farm, Riverdale Farm, Iggy's Bread, Deschia Amazing

Gems, and others. Find farmers, vendors, music, activities, and free meals for youth. SNAP and HIP accepted. Weekly themes include Energy Independence Day (July 6), Multicultural Day (July 13), Most Organized Black Businesses (July 20), Community Resources for All (July 27), and more. Details on Facebook @CodmanSquare FarmersMarket; info: codmansquaremarket@gmail.com.

Ashmont Hill Book Group

Book Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, August 7, 7:15 p.m., at 42 Ocean Street, hosted by Vicki Rugo. We will be discussing *John Adams*, by David McCullough. The book for September is *The Once and Future King*, by T.H. White. Book Group generally meets the first Wednesday of the month, but will take a break in July. Everyone is welcome, whether you've read the book or not. Info: klil@yahoo.com.

Dot Jazz Series Expands

Mandorla Music and Greater Ashmont Main Street's Dot Jazz Series returns as a monthly event from September 2019 through May 2020, on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church. The series begins on September 12 with Clear Audience, followed by The Fred Woodard Collective (October 10), the Plaman Karadonev Trio (November 14), and Tomoko Iwamoto & 440

(December 12). Season passes for all nine concerts are available for \$100, a more than 25% discount; visit dotjazz.org for the full lineup and tickets.

Take Note!

Starting on July 1, the City will begin residential trash and recycling collection at 6 a.m. instead of 7 a.m.

Go to www.boston.gov/trash-and-recycling-guide for info about trash, recycling, yard waste, composting, and more.

Codman Square Library 690 Washington Street 617-436-8214

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

Summer at the Library

Preschool Story Time: every Tuesday, 11 a.m., every Friday, 10:30 a.m.

Tech Help Time: every Friday, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., by appointment only.

Baby Story Time: Sat., July 6 and Weds., July 10, 11 a.m.

Museum of Science's Super Cold Science program, Friday, July 5, 10:30 a.m.

Summer Boston Eats Program: Monday–Friday, July 8–July 30, free food for kids who drop in between 1 and 4 p.m.

Read Boston Bookmobile, Tuesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30, 11:15 a.m.

Summer Reading Kick-off Party, Wednesday, July 10, 3 p.m.

Historic New England Program for Kids, Tuesday, July 16, 10:30 a.m.

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Ashmont Farmers Market

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sauces; and EatWell Mealkits, a box complete with a thirty-minute, one-pot recipe and all the fresh ingredients to cook a family dinner. The Tacos Don Beto food truck will also be on deck every week.

These regulars will be complemented by a rotation of specialty vendors and community information tables. The ever-popular Bobby Mac the Knife will be wielding his blade sharper several times during the season (dates to be announced).

Local individuals, groups, and businesses are sponsoring a weekly Entertainment Series, featuring live music or visual/performing arts, to enhance the lively, inviting market atmosphere. Stop by the Market table for information and swag, including this year's t-shirt.

The market accepts cash, credit/debit cards, and SNAP/EBT. The Commonwealth's Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) continues, providing a match up to \$80/month of produce purchases made with SNAP/EBT depending on family size.

Follow @AshmontFarmMkt on Facebook and Twitter or check out the weekly calendar for vendors, music, and special activities at greaterashmont.org/calendar/farmers-market/.

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