

Dear Friends of DEHC,

Greetings! As the weather warms up, lots of outdoor activities are now an option — weekly bike rides, farmers’ markets, and green workshops. Please take a look at our online calendar on our website www.dehc.org for green & healthy events in and around Dorchester. You can also find us on the web [facebook.com/DorchesterEnviro](https://www.facebook.com/DorchesterEnviro) and twitter [@DotEnviro](https://twitter.com/DotEnviro). DEHC wants to help energize residents, groups, businesses and non-profits to take action to improve Dorchester’s outdoor quality of life—if you are interested please contact us! Happy Summer...finally!

Rosanne Foley

WE LOVE OUR FARMERS MARKETS!

Local farmers’ markets will open soon in Dorchester and Mattapan for the 2011 season, selling fresh locally grown vegetables and fruits, baked goods, flowers, and crafts. In addition to offering produce, the markets are a social spot to meet the farmers and chat with friends and neighbors. Vendors accept SNAP/EBT/WIC and through the Bounty Bucks program, EBT card qualifies for a 50% discount. Codman Square Market will be the first to open, June 23d. Check the schedule below for when and where during the week there is a farmers’ market near you!



The growing season is here and farmers’ markets will be open soon! Support farmers and local businesses this season by shopping at Dorchester and Mattapan markets, and maybe try a new vegetable you’ve never tasted before.

2011 Schedule of Farmers Markets
(Most run through mid-October)

| TUE | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| <p>Dorchester House, 11:30am-1:30pm. 1353 Dorchester Ave. (opening 7/5)</p> <p>Grove Hall, 3-7pm. 469 Blue Hill Ave. (opening 7/12)</p> | <p>Codman Square, 1-6pm. Talbot Ave @ Washington (opening 6/23)</p> <p>Revision Farm Stand, 2:30-6:30pm. 1062 Blue Hill Ave. (opening 7/7)</p> <p>Bowdoin Geneva, 3-6:30pm. 230 Bowdoin St. (opening 7/7)</p> | <p>Revision Farm Stand, 2:30-6:30pm. 1062 Blue Hill Ave. (open 7/7)</p> <p>Ashmont/Peabody Sq, 3-7pm. In front of Ashmont T station. (opening 7/8)</p> | <p>Revision Farm Stand. 10am-2pm. 1062 Blue Hill Ave. (opens 7/7)</p> <p>Fields Corner, 9am-12pm. Dot Ave. & Park St. (opening 7/9)</p> <p>Mattapan, 10am-2pm. 525 River St. (opening 7/9)</p> |

June Events

- *Nightingale Garden Plot Assignment Day, 6/4
- *Dorchester Day! Walk/Ride with Us!, 6/5
- *Dot Grows! Garden Council, 6/7
- *Boston Park Advocates annual mtg, 6/8
- *Moonlight Neponset Paddle, 6/10
- *Sat. Workshop: Dotbike, 6/11
- *DEHC monthly mtg, 6/16
- *BNB Bike Repair Clinic, 6/21
- *Codman Farmers Mkt, 6/23

July Events

- *DIGG Garden Council, 7/5
- *Revision Farm Stand, 3 days per week, starting 7/7
- *Ashmont Farmers Mkt, 7/8
- *DEHC workshop: Thrive, 7/9
- *DEHC mtg, 7/21

DEHC’s Free Green Workshops happen each Saturday all summer—learn about different topics: how to ride a bike to work, how to compost, how to plant a tree, collect rainwater, start a garden, etc. There will be fun ‘green’ giveaways. Drop by any Saturday, 9 to 11 AM, at 450 Washington Street, Dorchester.



Check our online calendar regularly for more events: www.dehc.org/dehc-calendar

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 <http://dehc.org>

DEHC's mission is to promote the social, economic, and health benefits of living green in Boston's oldest and largest neighborhood.

DEHC's partners include:

- Ashmont Farmers' Market
- Ashmont Adams Neighborhood
- Boston Natural Areas Network
- Boston Park Advocates
- Boston Tree Party
- Codman Square Health Center
- Dorchester Historical Society
- Dorchester House Multi-Service Center
- DotBike
- DotWell
- Fields Corner Main Street
- Four Corners Main Street
- Friends of Dorchester Park
- Friends of Geneva Cliffs
- Friends of Ronan Park
- St Marks Area Main Street
- Talbot Norfolk Triangle and other local civic groups.

Call to find out how you can get involved!

617-474-1478

ABOUT DEHC

The Dorchester Environmental Health Coalition (DEHC) empowers residents, grassroots groups, businesses, and institutions working for community-based environmental change in Dorchester.

DEHC helps make all Dorchester healthier by supporting community green space creation and local fresh food production, and by improving alternative transportation modes—public transit, bicycling, and walking. In 2011, DEHC's focus is on supporting locally-initiated projects and on nurturing new leaders. Our goal is to build a diverse, inclusive, dynamic movement to change environmental and economic injustice and inspire climate action.

You can contact DEHC at 617-474-1478 or email DorchesterEnviro@gmail.com.

Scenic & Fun Local Trips:

Visit Dorchester seashore, Neponset River Trail this summer!

HARBORWALK

Did you know...

that you can access a beautiful walking/bike path along our harbor from the Savin Hill T station? Enjoy the Tenean, Malibu, or Savin Hill seashore and take in the views while jogging on the path or having a picnic.



Dorchester also has wonderful parks, urban wilds, and community gardens to visit and enjoy.

The Neponset River trail is 2.5 miles along the river—start from the Central Ave. Mattapan trolley line station in Milton. The trail is ideal for pedestrians, runners, and cyclists. Travels through Port Norfolk to UMass Boston.

GETTING THERE:
1. RED LINE—Ashmont to end of the line transfer to Mattapan Trolley.
2. Or JFK/UMass T stop.
3. Public parking at Pope John Paul II Park!

DEHC Projects & Initiatives

Food Co-op Initiative: Community members started meeting earlier this year to discuss and plan a vision for starting a community-owned food co-operative grocery in Dorchester – an initiative headed by long-time Dorchester resident Jenny Silverman. Some of us went to learn more at a food co-op conference in Western Mass. on May 23rd, the notes from that conference will be available shortly. Jenny is recruiting assistance to help spread the word—at the June 5th Dorchester Day Parade, through translated informational materials, and through a new website where information will be made publically available. E-mail DorchesterEnviro@gmail.com or call 617-474-1478 and we will put you in touch with Jenny. Everyone is welcome at meetings, publicized now on the DEHC.org and My-Dorchester.org websites. Your help is needed! With your support, this co-op will thrive!

MyDot Tour: In 2011, this project will develop a youth-participatory walking tour program for Fields Corner that explores the past history, present-day conditions, and future visions of this historic commercial district. Find out about the project at MyDotTour.org, or email us and we'll connect you with Kate Balug, project coordinator.

Boston is Growing Gardens (BIGG): We're excited about all the new Dorchester gardeners in 2011 joining in the effort to increase our local food production and beautify our neighborhood. Look for educational workshops and community events at the recently renovated Nightingale Community Garden on Park Street. Interested in helping expand our local gardening? Get in touch, we'll connect you!

Boston Tree Party: DEHC supported Ashmont Adams Neighborhood Association in planting a pair of apple trees at the Boston Home on May 14th.

DotBike: Promoting better biking in Dorchester and leading bike rides and events, see dotbike.org

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