Four Corners

In the early 20th century, Four Corners was a hub for “Motor Garages” that stored the automobiles of residents without a personal carriage house. Buildings with distinctive car motifs on their facade were scattered throughout the commercial district. Many eventually became used for auto services and body work. Today, Four Corners is an example of Dorchester’s evolving demographics. What once was a predominately Jewish community is now home to primarily African-American, Caribbean and Puerto Rican families. In recent years, dozens of units of new housing and additional businesses have brought significant investment into the commercial corridor. A train stop on the Fairmount Commuter Rail line is being designed for Four Corners that will create additional possibilities for the neighborhood.

Dining & Foods
Restaurant flavors include Jamaican and Spanish cuisine, pizza and subs, and fish and chips. For a special treat, enjoy ice cream at our local café.

Directions
By MBTA: Red Line to Ashmont Station, or Orange Line to Ruggles Station. Take the #23 bus from either station to Four Corners. Or take the Red Line to Fields Corner. Exit the station toward Geneva Avenue. Turn right onto Geneva Avenue and walk two blocks. Turn left onto Dakota Street and walk a few blocks up to Washington Street.

By Car: From I-93, take Columbia Road toward Dorchester, approx. 2.5 miles. Turn left at Washington Street. Follow 5 blocks to the intersection of Washington Street, Harvard Street, Bowdoin Street and Bowdoin Avenue.

Sights to See

Trinity Terrace (213 Washington Street)
A large housing development project brought this building back to life, listing it on the National Registry for Historic Places in 2004. In the early 20th century, it featured a dance hall on the third floor and was a gathering place in the neighborhood. Now it features affordable housing and first floor storefront space.

Greenwood Memorial United Methodist Church
Built in 1900 and placed on the National Register for Historic Places in 2002, this church is one of the finest Shingle style structures in Dorchester.

Mt. Bowdoin Neighborhood
This is the oldest neighborhood in the Four Corners area. Originally Governor Bowdoin’s Estate, the site was subdivided in 1836 into several large residences, most of which still remain.

Mother’s Rest Park
One block from the Greenwood Church, Mother’s Rest Park offers spectacular views of Boston Harbor. This site was once the location of a Britannia factory, considered the first company to silver-plate metal in America. Its owner, Roswell Gleason, was likely the first millionaire in Dorchester.