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Grove Hall Welcomes Four New Businesses

“The opportunity came to fulfill a need in the community” (page 2)

Grove Hall Pizza
Peter
Kourtoulidis
Mon-Sat
10am-11pm
661 Warren St.,
Grove Hall



“I came to the area for the foot traffic” (page 2)



Mattapan's Finest
Jamie Lee Mitchell
Tues-Fri
9am-7pm,
Sat 7am-7pm
663 Warren St,
Grove Hall

“The Neighborhood needed a small dollar store” (page 2)

Buck-N-Up
Gregory &
Cherlene Jeudy
Mon-Sat
10am-9pm



Introducing Chifipi!!!



454 Blue Hill Ave, Grove Hall

Convenience Store Safety Initiative

The Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) is providing a "Convenience Store Safety Grant" of up to \$500 for eligible convenience stores to purchase a security camera, monitoring system, and a Digital Video Recorder (DVR). Applicants interested in participating in the program should contact the Greater Grove

Hall Main Streets (GGHMS) or DND's Office of Neighborhood Development no later than the June 1, 2010, the application deadline. For more information and details about the program, contact the GGHMS at 617.427.2560 or the Department of Neighborhood Development at 617.635.3880.

Grove Hall Pizza • 661 Warren Street • Roxbury, MA • 617-445-0000

and I filled it” declared Peter Kourtoulidis owner of Grove Hall Pizza. Kourtoulidis has been in business for over 30 years and was the original founder of Fort Hill Market. He has owned businesses in Roxbury, Dorchester, South End and Dedham before finally settling in Grove Hall. The “Greek with Soul!” as proclaimed by a local officer, prides himself on the relationships he

has with residents and customers, and looks forward to establishing a new customer base. Grove Hall Pizza offers not only freshly hand crafted pizza, but delicious smoked ribs, chicken, pork, turkey and sides including mac & cheese, yams, collard greens, potato salad, baked beans and desserts.



BUCK-N-UP 5 Washington Street • Dorchester, MA • 617-427-2400

As a young married couple, Gregory and Chelene Jeudy used to live and shop in Grove Hall before the two decided to establish a black owned business in the community, where they

lived. The Jeudys believe bringing low prices to the community is an excellent way to do business!

Mattapan’s Finest • 663 Warren Street • Roxbury, MA

Mattapan’s Finest is in close proximity to the Grove Hall Post Office, Stop & Shop, the banks, CVS and parking. Jamie Lee Mitchell has been a shrewd businessman for 20 years and felt buying a house and bringing his family to the community the appropriate course of action. Mr.

Mitchell aims to bring 3000 clients to Grove Hall because of his old school barber dynamic and the quality of his haircuts. Listen to Touch 106.1 FM to win free haircuts or visit and enjoy a first time customer discount.

ReStore Boston—City of Boston Spotlight Program

The ReStore Boston program is a City of Boston initiative to assist business owners with projects from new signage to complete reconstruction. Improvements include restoration of exterior finishes and materials, repair or replacement of storefront windows and/or doors, new signage, building and sign lighting, removal of roll-down grates, installation of awnings, and general repairs. The grants and loans offered help

neighborhood business and property owners complete storefront renovation projects with free assistance from professional architectural designers. All loans and grants must meet eligibility criteria and all projects are required to remove solid, roll-down security grates or convert them to the interior open-mesh style.

Want to apply? Contact the Office of Business Development (617.635.0355) or the Greater Grove Hall Main Streets (617.427.2560 or greatergrovehall@verizon.net)

B-2 Safety Meeting

The Area B-2 police station hosted the first in a series of meetings focused on safety for our businesses and neighborhood. The discussion, held Tuesday, March 23, 2010

ing. Boston Crime Watch coordinator Wallace Tilford and Officer Nicole Allen stressed that businesses should adhere to the City's ordinance of blocking no more than

the police if there is loitering or other illegal activity because patrols, to some extent, are dictated by the number of calls to a particular area. Businesses need to be proactive! Area

“It is safer to have your storefront windows clear of debris, because then, patrolling police can see the incident occurring .”

at the Grove Hall Community Center, addressed a variety of concerns business owners had particularly around lack of police patrols, loitering and limited availability of park-

30% of storefront windows with advertising and products. Officers who are patrolling must be able to see inside the stores. Further, officers asked that business owners call

B-2 is committed to making the Greater Grove Hall community safe so join them in their efforts by participating in a business crime watch.

Emergency:
 Police / Ambulance /
 Fire call: 9-1-1
 Dialing from a cell
 phone? Call direct:
 617.343.4911

Crimestoppers:
 800.494.TIPS (8477)
 Or Text “Tip” to CRIME
 (27463)
bostoncrimewatch.com

PaintBox

Are you an artist? Do you know an artist in Boston? Know of a utility box that could use an artistic paint job? Participate in the PaintBox program where artists can re-

ceive a \$300 stipend for sprucing up the local utility boxes. Contact the Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism and Special Events at 617.635.3911 or GGHMS

US Census

April 15 is fast approaching so mail back your US Census questionnaire! If you don't, census workers are required by law to visit your home. It is imperative that everyone be counted so our community is allocated its due resources. Any questions feel free to contact the Boston South Local Census Office 617.602.1190.

Burke Scholarship Fund

GGHMS is fundraising to provide a \$500 scholarship to a graduating Burke Senior. Helping the Burke's scholars is important to us and we want to send them off to college to take the world by storm. The selected student will receive his or her scholarship during a reception in their honor in May. To contribute to the scholarship fund—make the check payable to “Greater Grove Hall Main Streets and in the memo declare “Burke Scholarship.” Mail or drop checks off to Greater Grove Hall Main Streets at 320B Blue Hill Ave-

nue, Dorchester, MA 02121. Any questions please call 617.427.2560 or email greater-grovehall@verizon.net



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March Recap

MARKET YOUR BUSINESS WITH MAIN STREETS

The Marketing Your Business workshop (3-25-10) was a huge success. More than 35 members of the business community from Dudley Square Main Streets and Greater Grove Hall Main Streets came together at Franklin Park's William Devine Golf Clubhouse. Kelley Chunn engaged business owners on Guerilla Marketing techniques and the use of social media as a way for business owners to promote their businesses.

Got ideas for another workshop? Contact GGHMS and let us know!

Message from GGHMS

The Greater Grove Hall Main Streets is committed to supporting our local commercial district, maintaining our neighborhood's historical character and is consistently looking for innovative ways to circulate dollars within Grove Hall. We decided to implement a Business Newsletter to promote our fantastic community and the many initiatives in our community. In 2010, we have collaborated with Dudley Square to offer six technical assistance workshops in March, May, July, September, November and December. A special thanks goes to the Roxbury Trust for supporting our efforts to bring resources to the Grove Hall community.

Goals for 2010:

- Build the capacity of our Board and membership
- Promote the Grove Hall District and increase pedestrian traffic and dollars spent in the district
- Provide six technical assistance workshops for businesses
- Fund a scholarship for a Jeremiah E. Burke High School Senior
- Inform residents of the 2010 US Census and encourage participation

Events Calendar

Free Legal Clinic
for Small Businesses
March 31: 6-9:00pm
Greater Egleston Community
High School
80 School St., Egleston

Sales / Marketing Basics
April 15: 6:00-8:00pm
Kirstein Business Library
700 Boylston St.

Boston Shines
April 23 & 24
City Wide

Community Meeting
Old Grove Hall Library space
April 27: 6:30-8:00pm
Location: TBA

**Got an event that may be
of interest to Grove Hall
Businesses?**

Email us and let us know!

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