

Greater Grove Hall MAIN STREETS



February 12, 2016

ABOUT US AT GGHMS.

Greater Grove Hall Main Streets is committed to promoting a diverse business district while maintaining our neighborhood's historical character. We encourage innovative and creative techniques to foster economic development that enriches the lives of business owners, employees and residents of our community.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bob Thompson (Chairman), Bertram Alleyne, Murphy Gregory, John Linehan, Lynda Blake, Robert Hector, KarenLyn Bunch (Vice Chair), Sis. Virginia Morrison, Roberta Young, Ed Gaskin (Executive Director), Eddie Jenkins (Secretary), Andre Barbour (Treasurer), Eric Straughter, Bruce Bickerstaff and new board members Pamella Gonclaves and Wadi Mohammad.

Want to know what is going on in Greater Grove Hall? Visit www.gretergrovehall.org/calendar

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED BUSINESS.

Walaikum's Burgers

451 Blue Hill Ave, Dorchester, MA 02121

PHONE:
(617) 427 - 5009

STORE HOURS:
Tues - Sat 9:00 am - 6:00 pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

*USPS Employment Info Session: Thursday February 11th, 2016 from 2pm to 4pm @ AACA.

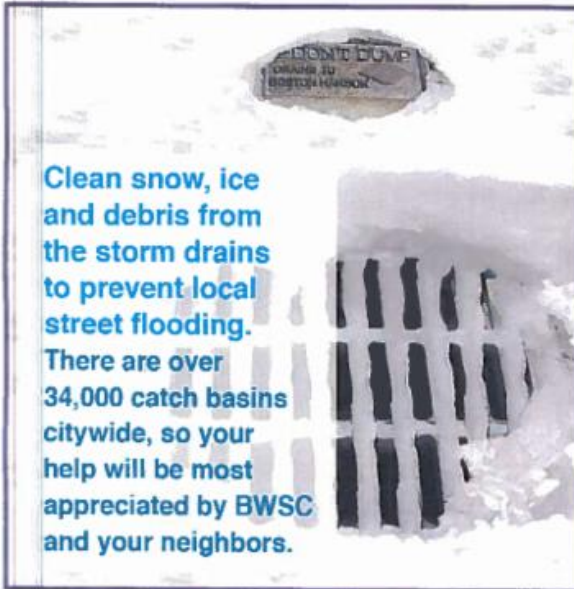
*Children's Winter Festival: Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 from 10am to 4pm.

*10-Week Business Planning Program: Thursday, February 18th, 2016 from 6pm to 9pm.

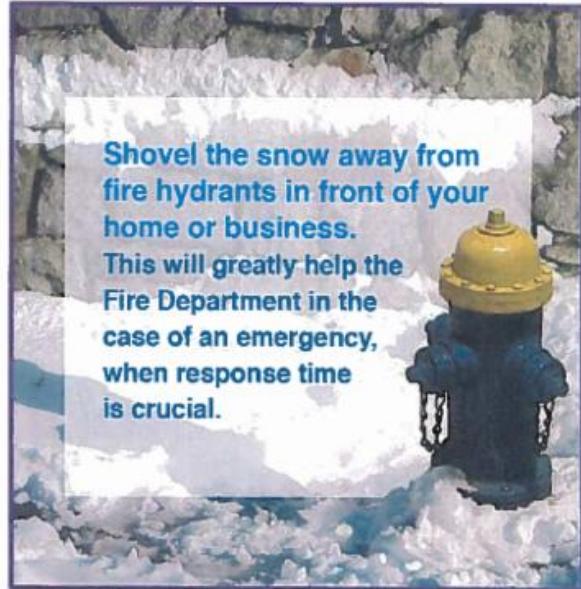
*10-Week Business Planning Program: Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.

Protect Your Neighborhood

Snow storms and rain can cause stressful and dangerous conditions. BWSC, your neighbors and family need your help in preventing local flooding and preparing in case of fire emergencies



Clean snow, ice and debris from the storm drains to prevent local street flooding. There are over 34,000 catch basins citywide, so your help will be most appreciated by BWSC and your neighbors.



Shovel the snow away from fire hydrants in front of your home or business. This will greatly help the Fire Department in the case of an emergency, when response time is crucial.

If there is no water coming through any of your faucets, call for BWSC 24-Hour Emergency Assistance at (617) 989-7000, as the problem may be in the pipes in your yard on the street.



Boston Water and Sewer Commission • 980 Harrison Avenue, Boston MA 02119 • 617.989.7000

Snow Removal

It's the responsibility of the property owner to remove snow, slush and ice from sidewalks and curb ramps abutting their property. Violators will be fined each day the sidewalk is not shoveled.

When you shovel, make sure to:

- Clear sidewalks within three hours of snowfall ending or three hours after sunrise if it snows overnight.
- Remove ice to bare pavement or make as level as possible.
- Clear at least a 42 inch wide path for wheelchairs and strollers.

Don't shovel or plow snow into the street: Violators caught shoveling snow from private property into the street will be fined.

Fines

Each day that a violation exists is considered a separate and distinct violation.

Failure to Remove Snow/Ice From Sidewalk

Property	Fine
Commercial	\$200*
Residential With More Than 16 Units	\$100*
Residential With 16 or Fewer Units	\$50*

Removal of Snow/Ice From Private Property to Street or Sidewalk

Property	Fine for More Than One Cubic Yard of Snow	Fine for One Cubic Yard or Less of Snow
Commercial	\$200*	\$150*
Residential With More Than 16 Units	\$150*	\$100*
Residential With 16 or Fewer Units	\$100*	\$50*

The Law

Boston Code of Ordinances, 16-12.16



**UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE[®]**
NOW HIRING!



When: Thursday February 11, 2016 from 2pm-4pm
Bring your resume and dress professionally
No late admittance, registration is required!

Where: Asian American Civic Association (AACA)
87 Tyler St. Rm 413, Boston MA, 02111

What: Information session with USPS staff followed by an application session with USPS and AACA Employment Center staff

Positions Available: City Carrier Assistant (CCA), Salary \$16.06

- Positions available throughout Greater Boston and surrounding areas. CCAs, collect and deliver mail.
- Requirements: Applicants must pass Postal Service Examinations and must be able to work weekends and/or other days as needed. Must have a valid driver's license (at least two years) in the U.S.
- Benefits & Potential Career Opportunities, visit www.usps.com/careers

The USPS is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer

**For more information and to
register:**

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Youth Employment Specialist
eford@aaca-boston.org
617-426-9492 ext. 251



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MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

PRESENTS THE

CHILDREN'S WINTER FESTIVAL

FREE

FREE

BOSTON COMMON

38 BEACON STREET, BOSTON, MA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- Race down Snowzilla, a three story high inflatable toboggan slide
- Take photos inside SnowGlobe Live!, a 15 foot tall snowglobe.
- Free ice skating on the Frog Pond sponsored by Highland Street Foundation
- Free outdoor activities and give-aways

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Roxbury Program

10-Week Business Planning Program

Start Date: Thursday, February 18th, 2016
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Roxbury Innovation Center
Bruce C. Bolling Building
2nd Floor
Roxbury, MA 02118



Free for qualified Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan business owners and residents

Registration Required

Contact: elafleur@cweonline.org

Do you have a business idea that you want to launch or explore more deeply? Have you always dreamed of becoming an entrepreneur, but were never sure where to start? In this 10-week business planning course, you will learn to:

- Explore and assess the financial and market viability of your business concept.
- Work with other entrepreneurs and experts to build a business plan.
- Learn how to market yourself and your business to target customers.
- Explore options for funding the start-up and ongoing costs of operating your business.
- Find options to finance your business and manage your finances.
- Men and women welcome!

Dorchester Program

10-Week Business Planning Program

Start Date: Tuesday, March 8th, 2016
5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Grove Hall Community Center
51 Geneva Avenue
Conference Room
Dorchester, MA 02121



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NEW SIGNAGE.

We want to congratulate Rose of Rose's Hair Design as she has a new sign and window graphics.

Having street appeal is very important for a retailer. It helps to draw people into your store. If you are a business owner and you are looking for new signage, window graphics or perhaps even a new facade to your building, give Ed Gaskin a call at 617 460-2326 and he can talk to you about program's the city has to help you pay for your new signage.



GREATER GROVE HALL MAIN STREETS IN THE NEWS!

"Kaira Fox, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services."



Kaira Fox
Roxbury Liaison
617-635-3485
Kaira.Fox@Boston.gov

The Greater Grove Hall Main Streets recently met with Kaira Fox to view a presentation on what to do with the acre plus sight on Geneva Ave near the Jeremiah Burke High School.

The school needs a closer practice field. The Department of Neighborhood Development would like to put more housing there. The presentation focused on a model developed in Sommerville called an "Art Farm."

Phil Loheed and Hyacinth John presented ideas for how a similar sized parcel was used in Sommerville to create a multi-purpose public space.

"Boston's RESTORE Program."

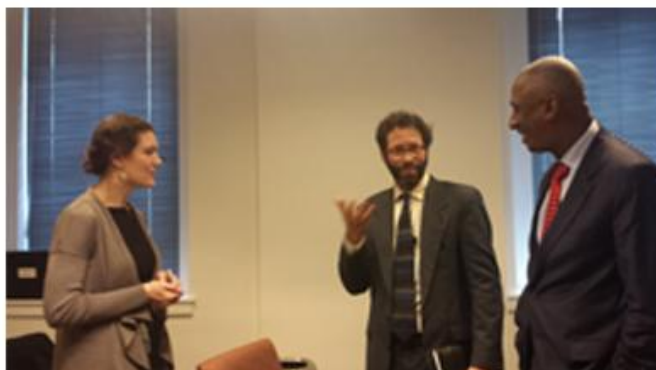


We started a little over a year ago on upgrading the store fronts and signage on the building on Blue Hill Avenue. It was Steve Rumpler's vision that we get new signage for the entire building. We started with 4 Star Dance Studio. Since then, Stash's has completed their work and so has the Law Office of Susan T. Aguilar. We are working on the one with the white sheet over the awning. They are part of the Restore program.

NEWS FEEDS:



Noah Berger in front of agenda slide at the Boston Foundation.



From left to right: Sarah Howard, Executive Director, Earthos
Noah Berger, The Boston Foundation
Ed Gaskin, Executive Director, Greater Grove Hall Main Streets



Ed Gaskin and Rebecca Koeprick, Director, Neighborhoods and Housing at the Boston Foundation.

Meeting to discuss a number of projects in the Grove Hall area including;

- Roxbury Heritage Memory Trail
- A STEM innovation center
- A new park at a location often referred to as The Bubble
- A new station at Geneva Ave Four Corners.



Attendees of the SOLD OUT Freeze Frame Meeting...

Those in attendance at the sold out Freeze Frame meeting at Roxbury Community College. The group was asked to help narrow down priorities and develop action items.



Boston Arts Commission

The Boston Arts Commission hosted an event to make sure Main Streets and other organizations were aware of the various funding and partnership opportunities available to support the arts in the neighborhoods.



Meeting between Quincy Geneva Executive Board and GGHMS.

The discussion was on a proposal to develop 4-10 Cheney St. Pictured starting at the top left, Bob Francis, Hyacinth John of DP Plus, Steve Godfrey, President and CEO of Quincy Geneva, (not pictured, Milton Samuels, board chair of Quincy Geneva, Barry Jackman, CFO of QG, Phil Loheed, Sarah Howard, Bob Thompson. Not pictured Ed Gaskin.



Hubway Bike Station

Here is a picture of a Hubway bike station that has only three bikes in it.

Recently a Hubway bike station was installed at Franklin Park. As you can see, only three bikes are not in use. That is a good sign!



DriveBoston Carshare Program

This photo shows both cars in the Mayor's new car share program called, "DriveBoston", are being used. DriveBoston is a program in partnership with the City of Boston, Zipcar and Enterprise. Carshare to bring 80 new car-share vehicles to Boston through the DriveBoston program.



D'JHONNY BAKERY

A new business is opening in Greater Grove Hall Main Streets. Cakes and Catering available.

(617) 427 - 0220
(857) 312 - 7044



Chris Moynihan, Retail Visioning

Chris Moynihan of Retail Visioning speaking at a workshop for owners of personal care businesses such as Nail Salons, barbershops and beauty salons, SPAs, hair braiding etc. The workshop was considered a success by all in attendance. Several owners expressed an interest in working with Chris to receive on-site technical assistance.

If you own a business and would like help tackling your business problems give us a call as we have a range of services to help you from finance to marketing to retailing. For more information please call 617 460 2326 or email ewgaskin@gmail.com.



Ed Gaskin with Rosa Alcantara

...a salon owner who attended the Retail Visioning workshop and also endorsed the quality of advice Chris provided her salon.

Latino Beauty Salon
3125 Washington St,
Roxbury, MA 02119



State of the City Address...

Mayor Walsh giving his second state of the city address.



Main Street Directors at the Mayor's State of the City Address

Top - Emma Walters, Executive Director for Allston Village Main Streets

Middle - N. Nicole Purvis, Executive Director for Four Corners Main Street

Foreground - Executive Director Brighton Ali Carter



Main Street Directors at the Mayor's State of the City Address

Left to right:

Courtney Ho, Executive Director for Chinatown Main Street
Jennifer Efron, Executive Director for Washington Gateway Main Street
Ed Gaskin, Executive Director for Greater Grove Hall Main Streets



Chris Osgood, Mayor Walsh's Chief of Streets

Ed Gaskin and Sister Virginia Morrison met with Chris Osgood, Mayor Walsh's Chief of Streets, to discuss the implementation of the Complete Streets Report.



Boston Complete Streets

Complete Streets is a report developed by the Metropolitan Planning Council for the Greater Neighborhood partners of which Greater Grove Hall Main Streets is one. The report looks how all aspects of transportation can be improved from pedestrians to vehicles. The purpose of the meeting was to start of process implementing the recommendations.



32nd Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Testimonial Awards Banquet

Ed Gaskin with FOX25 News Reporter Crystal Haynes (Mistress of Ceremonies).



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Ed Gaskin with Beulah Fagan Providence.



Phil Loheed, Rebecca Koepnick & Lucy Ellis...

Right to left:
Phil Loheed, Founder of Earth and Design Plus Partner
Rebecca Koepnick, Director of Neighborhoods and Housing
The Boston Foundation
Lucy Ellis, Program Associate The Boston Foundation

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