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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, Pamela Gonclaves and Wadi Mohammad.

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THIS MONTH'S FEATURED BUSINESS.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

* No upcoming events

FUNDING YOUR BUSINESS

FAIRMOUNT
INNOVATION
LAB

584 Columbia Road
Boston 02125



Learn about a variety of funding
options for entrepreneurs

TUE, MAY 3, 2016
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Free & Open to the Public
Seating is limited.
Pre-registration advised!

[http://business-funding-
options.eventbrite.com](http://business-funding-options.eventbrite.com)

MEET

- Entrepreneurs who raised funds for their start up through crowdfunding
- A representative from the Small Business Administration
- A community small business lender
- Mentors and investors for startups
- Fellow creative entrepreneurs and other small business owners

LEARN

- What lenders and investors look for when making their financing decision
- Tactics for implementing successful crowdfunding campaigns
- About fiscal sponsorship, 0% crowdsourced loans, SBA and other small business loans

FOR MORE INFO

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ABOUT THE FAIRMOUNT INNOVATION LAB

Launched in May 2015, the Fairmount Innovation Lab (FI-Lab) is a unique incubator and resource hub that fosters innovation, social impact and the creative economy along the Fairmount Indigo Corridor. The cross-sector Lab and resource hub supports pioneering creative and social entrepreneurs in underserved communities to realize their passions, enliven their neighborhoods and create jobs. FI-Lab catalyzes cultural and economic development in the Fairmount Indigo Corridor through a unique start-up accelerator, an artists-in-residence program, cutting-edge programs and events, co-working and prototyping space, partnerships, mentoring collaborations and networking. www.lab584.org Twitter @Fairmount_Lab Facebook.com/lab584/ Email team@lab584.org



Pre-Registration

We ask that people pre-register through the following link so that we'll have an idea of how many people to expect. [Click Here To Pre-Register.](#)

GREATER GROVE HALL MAIN STREETS IN THE NEWS!

STOP & SHOP STATUS UPDATE.



Following-up with Stop & Shop: Sister Virginia, Senator Dianne Wilkerson and Michael Kozu met with Stop & Shop leadership in an effort to get them to be more responsive to the community.

Those in attendance from Stop & Shop included Judi McGrath Palmer, Director of Marketing and External Communications, Sales and Merchandising, Vinod Israni Vice President Region 1 Operations, and from Ahold USA Elizabeth Chace-Marino, Senior Manager Government Affairs.

Those representing the various community groups include, Sister Virginia Morrison, Grove Hall NDC and board member of Greater Grove Hall Main Streets, Senator Dianne Wilkerson, Michael Kozu, Raheem Baraka and Ed Gaskin, Greater Grove Hall Main streets. The group presented several proposals and ideas and Stop & Shop has since responded formally.

"BIG news for small business in Boston!"

[Apply for Permits Online!](https://permits.boston.gov/)

Available at <https://permits.boston.gov/>

In this initial public launch, individuals will be able to apply online for Inspectional Services building permits. The site has many new features not previously available, including electronic plan submission and review. We will continue to work with the remaining departments to add more permit and license types to the site, and expand the site's features including additional guided tours to help applicants discover what they need.

Learn about Mayor Walsh's launch of the City's first-ever Small Business Plan. #SmallBizBos

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"Greater Grove Hall Executive Director is mentioned in a story about Prince Hall Masonic Lodge looking to build a hotel in the Grove Hall area. "

<http://baystatebanner.com/news/2016/apr/27/prince-hall-hotel-freemasons-consider-new-land-use/>

"Greater Grove Hall Executive Director, Ed Gaskin, is mentioned in the Bay State Banner concerning Amazon Prime not delivering to certain neighborhoods. "

<http://baystatebanner.com/news/2016/apr/22/roxbury-gets-amazon-sub-prime/#.VxrPFVxO4jU.twitter>

Ed Gaskin was also quoted in the Boston Metro on the Amazon story.

NEWS FEEDS:



Team Inspects Free WiFi...

A team from Boston and New York came to inspect the free WiFi in the area and develop and execute a plan to improve it.



Boston Foundation makes funding program clearer.

A program sponsored by the Boston Foundation to help community groups get more funding. The purpose was to make it clearer what types of areas the Boston Foundation funds, the type of funding and how to apply.



Useful Links: Strategies for keeping rents affordable for local businesses; the New Localism + more!

Listed below are some links to publications that might be of interest to you all given the displacement happening in our communities...

There is also a link to a Wiki page put together by Jackie Smith, at University of Pittsburgh, on topics related to our shared anti-displacement interests....

- <http://pgh-humanrightscity.wikispaces.com/Housing+Justice>
- http://www.mapc.org/Anti-Displacement_Literature
- [How Rising Commercial Rents Are Threatening Independent Businesses and What Cities Are Doing About It](#)
- [Watch: Stacy Mitchell Speaks on the New Localism](#)



Reclaiming Roxbury!

Members of the community attended Councillor Tito Jackson's community meeting. The meetings are designed to help establish a neighborhood council.



Rick Dimino requested a meeting.

The President and CEO of A Better City requested a meeting with Ed Gaskin, Executive Director of Greater Grove Hall Main Streets, to discuss transportation oriented development in Grove Hall. Also present was Planning Director, Tom Nally. Rick Dimino is pictured in the center of the photo below and Tom is to his left.

Transportation for Massachusetts held a round-table discussion.

A round-table discussion was held with community leaders including the Executive Director of Greater Grove Hall Main Streets Ed Gaskin to discuss Rideshare, Bikeshare, Driverless Vehicles, and Commuting in Metro Boston.

The program was led by Angela Jonson a program associate for Transportation for Massachusetts.



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