



GREATER GROVE HALL MAIN STREETS

OPPORTUNITIES



A Walking Tour: Grove Hall, Dorchester's Rich Collection of Architectural and Historical Gems

Join us on a beautiful walking tour on **Sunday, April 30**, from **2:00 - 3:30 PM**. The tour will start in front of **Jeremiah Burke High School, 60 Washington Street**, near Columbia Road and is free and open to everyone.

For more information please contact Ed Gaskin at ewgaskin@gmail.com

Free Social Media and Digital Marketing Training for Small Businesses

The **Retailers Association of Massachusetts** is teaming up with the **Commonwealth Corporation** and the **Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development** to sponsor a series of free social media boot camps over the next year to help small business owners learn the best tips and tricks to win on the web.

[Learn More](#)



Credit: InterConnection.org



Credit: Main Street Takoma

BYOB is Now Open to Restaurants!

Qualifying restaurants in the City of Boston can now apply for a "bring your own bottle" permit from the City of Boston Licensing Board. The permit would allow patrons to bring certain sizes of malt beverages or wine into the establishments without penalty.

[Learn More & Apply](#)

Meet the Dream Factory

The Dream Factory, consisting of David Samson, Kenny Simms and Samantha White, are working together to create a professional development training & mentoring program aimed at providing at-risk high school students with an innovative music program.

Entrepreneurs interested in becoming part of the next group should contact Liora Beer at **617.456.1131** or **team@lab584.org**.



Ed Gaskin at the Fairmount Innovation lab providing feedback to The Dream Factory.



7th Annual Women Amongst Us Tea

BostonWomen.org invites you to the 7th Annual Women Amongst Us Tea on **Saturday, March 11 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM** at the **Granite Links Golf Course**. This year, they'll be honoring: Sue Marsh, Executive Director of Rosie's Place, Julie Burros, Chief, Arts and Culture for the City of Boston and Nora Baston, Deputy Superintendent Boston Police Department.

[Sign Up Here](#)

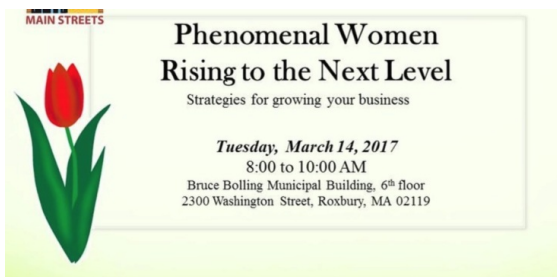
Learn How to Use Facebook for Your Small Business

Lynn Switanowski, Founding Partner of [Creative Consulting Group](#), recently presented a workshop entitled, "Turning Posts into Profits." It was a Facebook workshop for small businesses offered by the [Office of Economic Development](#).

View the upcoming schedule for more classes like this one [here](#).



Credit: Curbed Boston



Dudley Square 5th Annual Women-Owned Business Networking Breakfast

Join Dudley Square Main Streets for the 5th Annual Women-Owned Business Networking Breakfast. The topic for discussion is "Phenomenal Women: Rising to the Next Level." After starting a business, the next challenge is strategic planning to scale your business and increase sales. Learn why planning is important.

[Learn More Here](#)

Get Your Taxes Done for Free!

Swing by the **John E. Barbour Community**

Room located on 233 Quincy St,
Dorchester, MA on March 9, March 23,
April 6, or April 13 from 3 - 7 PM to get your
taxes done, free of charge.

[Get the Details](#)



Credit: TV Tropes



Dorchester Young Professionals Gathering

Come meet fellow Dorchester residents under 40, share information, and learn about ways to get involved in the community on **Tuesday, April 4** from **6:30 PM - 8 PM**. Light appetizers and cash bar.

To join the Host Committee, contact ericahmattison@gmail.com

[See the Facebook Event](#)
[Get Tickets](#)

Greater Grove Hall Main Streets is proud to announce that the Center for Women & Enterprise will continue to provide its class for potential women entrepreneurs. This ten week course will take place at **233 Quincy Street** in Dorchester.

[Get the Details](#)

Check out Boston's snow removal guidelines [here](#).

Check out [this](#) workshop on the "Power of Presentation".

Stop & Shop is looking for a licensed and insured painter to submit a price on a project for the Roxbury Stop & Shop. We are interested in hiring within the community. Please contact Angela Perkins, Store Manager.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Ed Gaskin, Executive Director of GGHMS, with fellow executive directors, mayor Martin Walsh and Rick M. SVP of Citizens Bank. Ed was there to accept a \$25,000 grant to promote Grove Hall.



Part of Citizen's Bank grant was used to purchase the banners shown above, as well as light poles.



Main Streets Executive Directors after a meeting with Boston City Councillors.



Main Street Directors met to discuss a range of policy issues, including:

- 1) The City's new BYOB policy.
- 2) The City's policy on making more liquor licenses available.
- 3) A response to immigrant owned business owners and employees as it relates to immigration.
- 4) The concept of a rotating pop-up retail store

for potential retailers to test their retail and merchandising concept.

Ed Gaskin and Christopher Cook, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, at the Imagine Boston Meeting at the Franklin Park Club House to discuss Imagine Boston 2030 in terms of developing a strategic plan for Franklin Park.

Also present were board members John Linehan, and Sister Virginia.





Ed Gaskin, GGHMS Executive Director, at a Fairmont Innovation Lab pitch event, along with two other judges.



Ed Gaskin poses with santa at a Metro PCS Christmas promotion in Grove Hall.



Fairmount Indigo meeting



Ed Gaskin with Eric and Gilbert from Public Works reviewing number and placement of trash cans in Greater Grove Hall.



Imagine Boston 2030 meeting at Franklin Park Club House. A meeting for the wider community took place the following week.



Councillor Ayanna Pressley at the Imagine Boston 2030 meeting at Franklin Park, other councilors present were Tito Jackson and Annissa Essaibi-George.



A photo from the Fairmont Innovation Lab Pitch event.



Ed Gaskin creating Valentine's cards for homebound seniors as part of the mayors program to reach 600 seniors.



Ribbon Cutting with Fairmont Innovation Lab.



Ed Gaskin with Karilyn Crockett, Director of Economic Policy & Research, City of Boston at Imagine Boston 2030. They discussed how the park could be a driver of economic growth for the Grove Hall area.



These are the types of questions we would like to hear. You can contribute your ideas by submitting them to the Imagine Boston 2030 website.



Members of the Fairmont Indigo Network met for an all day retreat to work on the development of a strategic plan for the businesses and residents of the Fairmount Corridor.



Routes to Placemaking Workshop:
Hosted by A Better City in partnership with MA Smart Growth Alliance.

This well attended workshop provided an opportunity for participants to learn more about different types of placemaking such as pop-up parks, parklets, pavement murals, and many more. Greater Grove Hall Main Streets will be looking to implement some of these ideas in the upcoming year.

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