



March 7, 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

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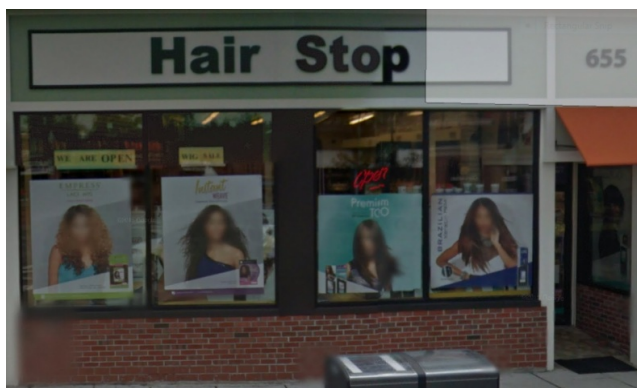
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THIS MONTH'S FEATURED BUSINESS.

Hair Stop Beauty Supply

655 Warren St, Grove Hall, MA 02121

PHONE:
(617) 989 - 8855



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

*CompTIA A+ PC Repair and Network + Technician: Class meets 1 time per week for 12 weeks. Classes begin on Mon., February 15, 2016 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm or Sat., February 27, 2016 from 1pm to 4pm.

*Free Computer & Internet for Beginners Class: Class meets 1 time per week for 6 weeks. Class begins on Tues., February 23, 2016 from 10am to 12 noon.

*Free Google Docs Class: Class meets 1 time per week for 6 weeks.
Class begins on Thurs., March 10, 2016 - either 10am to 12 noon or 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

*CompTIA A+ / Desktop Support Specialist: Class meets 1 time per week for 12 weeks.
Class begins on Mon., March 14, 2016 from 9:30am to 12 noon.

*Project Management: Offered only 1 time per year on campus, meets 1 time per week for 6 weeks.
Class begins on Wed., April 6, 2016 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Registration Fee: \$100

*Small Business Expo 2016: Thursday, April 7th, 2016 from 9:30am to 5:00pm.

A free event.
Bring your business
card to network

* Men are Welcome

[Register Online](#)



4th Annual
Dudley Square Main Streets
Women-Owned Business
Networking Breakfast

“MANAGING IT ALL”

Friday, March 18, 2016

8:00 to 10:00 AM

Bruce Bolling Municipal Building, 6th floor
2300 Washington Street, Roxbury, MA 02119

SPEAKERS:

- **Catherine Hardaway**, Final Touch with Class Boutique
- **Erline Belton**, Lyceum Group
- **Rep. Gloria Fox**, Massachusetts House of Representatives



Catherine Hardaway



Erline Belton



Rep Gloria Fox



BOSTON PRIVATE
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RSVP Dudley Sq. Main Streets at 617-541-4644

[#DudleyWomensNetworkBreakfast](#)

Free Computer Classes

Courtesy of: Mattapan/ Greater Boston
Technology Learning Center, Inc.

In conjunction with our partners: Comcast Internet Essentials
and the United Christian Fellowship Urban Ministries

Computer & Internet Technology for Beginners

Learn how to use the computer and Internet to: send and receive email, send and receive email attachments, create - save - and retrieve documents, be safe online, find work, access school tools for adults and children, connect to government resources like social services, housing, Registry of Motor Vehicles, paying parking tickets, and communicate with city departments and elected officials.

Classes Begin:

Tues., Feb. 23, 2016 from 10am to 12pm

Google Docs

Learn how to use a computer and the Internet to create documents, spreadsheets and presentations using Google applications. Also learn to share files and work jointly on group projects from different locations and how to create online forms and utilize shared calendars.

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**To register for a free beginner level class,
Arrive 30 minutes before class on start date with a photo ID.**

For more information about our career training classes and online classes,
visit us online at www.mattapantech.org
or stop by our office at 24 Regis Road, Mattapan, MA

(617) 298-0357



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CompTIA A+ PC Repair and Network+ Technician: Learn to build computers, troubleshoot and repair desktops and laptops and how to design, troubleshoot and implement networks. This class combines the CompTIA A+ and the CompTIA Network + prep. In addition, the students are introduced to project management concepts, IT security concepts, and A+ and Network + exam preparation. Classes include lecture and hands-on practice.

Evening Class Begins: Mon. Feb. 8, 2016 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Registration Fee: \$200 (12 weeks) An additional 30 hours hands-on workbench practice is required to complete the program.

CompTIA A+ PC Repair Technicians/ Desktop Support Specialist: Learn to build computers, troubleshoot and repair desktops and laptops and how to make professional documents, basic accounting using Excel spreadsheets and PowerPoint presentations. In addition the students are introduced to project management, IT security concepts, and A+ exams preparation. Classes include lecture and hands-on practice.

Weekend Class Begins: Sat., Feb. 27, 2016 from 1:00pm to 4:00 pm. Registration Fee: \$200 (12 weeks) An additional 30 hours hands-on workbench practice is required to complete the program.

Weekday Class Begins: Mon, Mar. 14, 2016 from 9:30am to 12:00 noon. Registration Fee: \$100 (12 weeks) An additional 30 hours hands-on workbench practice is required to complete the program.

**** Registration fee waived for US VFW**

Project Management: Our curriculum consists of project planning, project cost and scheduling, control, risk management, evaluation and performance. (6 Weeks) Also available as an online class.

Weekday Class Begins on: Wednesday, April 6, 2016 from 5:30 to 8:30pm. Registration Fee: \$100

Web Site Building: Students learn how to build a web site from scratch, how to create pages, how to perform routine updates and the basics of web site architecture. (6 Weeks)

Weekday Class Begins on: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Registration Fee: \$100.

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Hello,

You are invited to the following event:

SMALL BUSINESS EXPO 2016 - BOSTON



Event to be held at the following time, date,
and location:

Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 9:30

Hynes Convention Center | Halls A & B
900 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02115



Small Business Expo is THE largest & most anticipated business-to-business networking event, trade show & conference for business owners, entrepreneurs & decision-makers.

If you are serious about your business, this Expo is a "MUST ATTEND EVENT."

FREE TO ATTEND! REGISTER TODAY.

Your FREE badge gives you full access to
the Exhibitor Hall &

20+ Business Critical Workshops.

****WANT TO EXHIBIT? Call us today at [212.404.2345](tel:212.404.2345)****

- Network with thousands of business owners, entrepreneurs & start-ups
- Establish hundreds of new contacts and reconnect with old ones.
- Attend FREE business critical workshops & seminars.
- Learn about new products and services that will help your business grow.
- Interact with the movers and shakers of your industry.
- Discover new and innovative technologies.
- Be in the RIGHT place at the RIGHT time.
- It's FREE to attend!

WANT TO EXHIBIT & SELL TO THOUSANDS OF BUSINESS OWNERS?

If your product/service targets small business owners, exhibiting at this show is a

must. Nowhere else can you reach thousands of business owners and make on-the-spot sales! Call us at [212.404.2345](tel:212.404.2345) or VISIT OUR EXHIBITOR PAGE.



RE: STEP IT UP BOSTON – SBA Emerging Leaders/Emerging 200

Dear Small Business Owner,

The U.S. Small Business Administration Massachusetts Office is now accepting “*expressions of interest*” for this year’s Emerging Leaders/Emerging 200 Program. We are searching for fifteen Boston area businesses that are looking to grow and create jobs and who have the **drive, energy and passion** to be part of the ninth year Emerging Leaders/E200 Boston program.

Boston was one of the ten inaugural cities when E200 was first launched by the SBA eight years ago and it continues to grow and expand across the US.

To date, we have graduated eight successful classes from the program....and the stats show that businesses that successfully complete the program are seeing results – **increased revenues, contracts and job creation**. This initiative focuses on small, poised-for-growth companies. It is a six month intensive curriculum that focuses on winning local strategies and attracting capital to fuel growth.

Entrepreneurs will be in class for 40 hours of instruction time, taught by Interise, divided over 13 class sessions. Participants will also spend roughly 14 hours in *CEO Mentoring Groups*. The average time out-of-class time commitment is three hours for each class, though some sessions demand up to six hours of preparation time. All the instructional approaches – classes, *CEO Mentoring Groups*, and self-paced learning are interconnected and of equal importance. Classes meet roughly every other week during the evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. so as to not take you away from your daily business commitments.

We have been fortunate to have the following co-sponsors to the Emerging Leaders/E200 Program in past years: Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Development Centers, Center for Women and Enterprise, SCORE, City of Boston, State Office of Supplier Diversity, and local lending institutions.

The program is **free of charge** and will run from April, 2016 to November, 2016. All that is required on the part of the small business is a time commitment (60- 80 hours total) by the senior executive of the firm and a desire to take your business to the next level. If you are interested in becoming an Emerging Leader/E200 participant, please fill out and return the enclosed form or register online. Companies that will benefit the most from the program should be in business for, at least, **three years** and have **revenues of, at least, \$400,000**.

We are looking for this ninth year to the best yet. **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP TAKE YOUR BUSINESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL!** If you have any questions, please contact David Polatin in my office at 617/565-5562.

Please register your interest online at: interise.org/sbacmergingleaders **or fill out the form on the reverse side.**

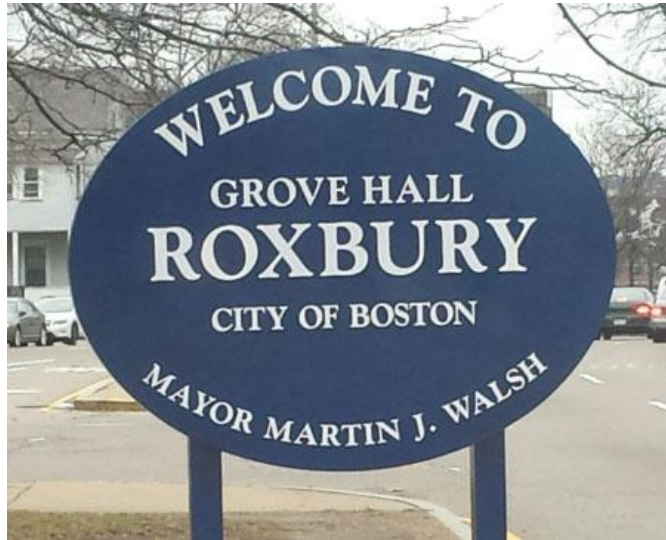
Thank you,

Robert Nelson
District Director
SBA Massachusetts Office

[CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT STEP IT UP BOSTON FORM](#)

GREATER GROVE HALL MAIN STREETS IN THE NEWS!

"Welcome to GROVE HALL."



Finally we have a new sign welcoming people to Grove Hall. This is part of our PLACEMAKING strategy as many people, even living in Dorchester, do not know where Grove Hall is.

"Michael Peck speaks to a small group at Boston City Hall."



A small group meeting at Boston City Hall prior to a meeting with John Barros of the BRA and Chris Osgood, the mayor's Chief of Streets. Facing the camera speaking to the group is Michael Peck. Michael has served as the North American delegate for Mondragon, the world's largest industrial worker cooperative with USA 2013 sales at the \$250 million level. Michael is an expert on building worker-owned cooperatives, something Mayor Walsh has expressed a strong interest.

To Michael's right is J. Phillip Thompson, who teaches Urban Planning at MIT and is the head of their housing, community and economic Development Group. Next to Phil is Senator Dianne Wilkerson. Next to Dianne is one of Dr. Thompson's research assistants. The person with the red sweater with his back to the camera is Phil's son. The next person is Nicholas Luvienne from MIT's CO-Lab and also an expert in worker owned cooperatives.

NEWS FEEDS:



Commercial Leases: What Main Street Directors Need to Know...

to help their own business owner clients.

A team of real estate attorneys from DLA Pie per were the presenters.

If you are a property owner looking to lease to a tenant or a tenant looking to lease contact Ed Gaskin, the Greater Grove Hall Main Street Director, and he can provide you helpful resources.

The attached photo is of the Main Street Directors at a real estate workshop.

For more information please call 617) 460 - 2326 or email ewgaskin@gmail.com.

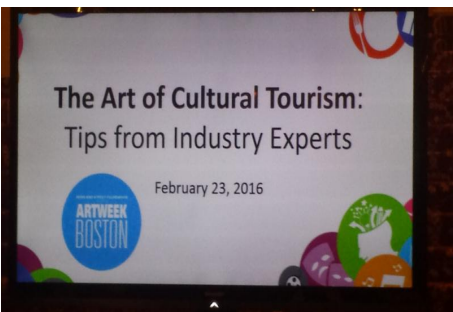


Fairmount Indigo Line Meeting...

There are three or four groups who meet to discuss the Fairmount Indigo line. This photo is taken at the meeting sponsored by The Boston Foundation.

Greater Grove Hall Main Streets is part of these groups and is on the economic development committee.

The photo to the left is of part of the group at their last meeting.



The Art of Cultural Tourism

The Main Street Directors were invited to a talk on **"The Art of Cultural Tourism: Tips from Industry Experts"**. The workshop included speakers from:

Aareen Andrew, Assistant Director, Fenway Alliance.

Martha Davis, Manager Tourist Marketing, Museum of Fine Arts Center.

Joe Donlavey, Director of Sales and Corporate Development

Citi Performing Arts Center

Dorothy Dwyer, Visitor Center Manager, the Greater Boston Convention and Visitor Center.



The meeting was helpful for gaining ideas on how to market the district to visitors.

One very practical way is to come up with an Art week promotion that can be included the promotion of all artwork events in the city of Boston. For more information please contact Ed Gaskin at



Epicenter Boston

Malia Lazu - Executive Director facing the group in the semi-circle was informing City Councillors Tito Jackson and Ayanna Pressley, an aids representing other city councillors about Future Boston Alliance rebranding as Epicenter Community. Greater Grove Hall Main Streets was invited as well as Washington Gateway Main Streets.



In the second photo, Ayanna Pressley is speaking and Tito Jackson, foreground, is listening.

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