



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

TOP ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT) - BERTRAM ALLEYNE, MURPHY GREGORY, JOHN LINEHAN, LYNDA BLAKE (CO-CHAIR), ROBERT HECTOR, KARENLYN BUNCH AND MACEO REMY.

BOTTOM ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT) - SIS. VIRGINIA MORRISON, ROBERTA YOUNG (TREASURER), ROBBY THOMAS (CHAIRMAN), ED GASKIN (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR), BOB THOMPSON (SECRETARY).

NOT SHOWN:

JOEL HARPER, BRUCE BICKERSTAFF, ANDREW WATSON AND ERIC STRAUGHTER.

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THIS MONTH'S **FEATURED BUSINESS**

Greater Grove Hall Main Streets' April Choice

BLUE HILL PHARMACY & THRIFT STORE

320 Blue Hill Ave, Dorchester, MA 02121

CONTACT US:

(617) 652-7546

HOURS:

Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm



Blue Hill Pharmacy is a newly opened pharmacy in the Grove Hall area. Its size enables it to provide personal service and encourages questions from customers. While customers wait for their prescription to be filled they have the opportunity to shop for clothes and accessories. The thrift store offers hand picked, quality merchandise at the same price people are paying at Goodwill.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* **ADAMS ARTS PROGRAM: APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE. FINAL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015.**

* **MASSACHUSETTS URBAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: FALL 2015 LAUNCH, MAUCC WANTS YOU!**

* **BUSINESS INNOVATION CHALLENGE: ENTREPRENEUR TRAINING & CONTEST, 10 WEEK PROGRAM HELD ON TUESDAY EVENINGS AT GROVE HALL COMMUNITY CENTER | 51 GENEVA AVENUE, DORCHESTER, MA STARTING DATE: APRIL 21ST, 2015, TIME: 6:00 -9:00 PM**



Massachusetts Cultural Council

Adams Arts Program Applications Now Available

[Applications](#) for two-year [Adams Arts Program](#) grants (FY2016 - FY2017) are now being accepted.

Final applications are due Thursday, May 7, 2015.

[Please register to attend an informational webinar](#) to learn more about the program on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 10:30am. The webinar will cover:

- Program mission, goals and eligibility criteria
- Completing the online application
- Designing a logic model - a core application requirement

[Learn More](#)

Questions?

Meri Jenkins, Adams Arts Program Manager

[617-858-2716](tel:617-858-2716)

Annie Houston, Adams Arts Program Officer

[617-858-2727](tel:617-858-2727)

Our goal is to help make your business as efficient and profitable as possible. We will work with you to help solve your problems, while understanding that you have limited resources and budget. Upon completion, we will present to you a written assessment of your business and recommendations for improving inefficiencies and cost. **Sign up today.**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MARCH 23, 2015**

After years of research, the Massachusetts Urban Chamber of Commerce (MAUCC) is proud to announce our official Fall 2015 launch! We have determined that there is a need for a Chamber of Commerce throughout Massachusetts, which specifically addresses the needs of an economically powerful and multicultural community.

We have identified the top 18 urban (relating to or belonging to a city) communities, towns, or municipalities throughout Massachusetts they include Boston, Worcester, Springfield, Lowell, Fall River, Brockton, Lynn, Chelsea, Malden, Everett, Lawrence, Cambridge, Somerville, Medford, Quincy, Taunton, New Bedford, and Stoughton.

MAUCC's mission is to educate, economically empower, and sustain urban communities through successful entrepreneurship, civic engagement and capitalistic activity within Massachusetts.

MAUCC wants you! - Business professionals, educators, non-profits, church, social leaders, and entrepreneurs in Massachusetts, we are pleased to invite you to become a partner and a member of the MAUCC. As a member, partner and supporter of this historic MAUCC, you will have an opportunity to continue to shape Massachusetts' urban business landscape.

Some of the primary goals of the MAUCC will include the following:

- **Developing our strategic plan**
- **Identifying strategic partners**
- **Membership solicitation**
- **Seminars & workshops**
- **Fundraising**
- **Event agenda**
- **Board Members**
- **Volunteerism**

Take Action Call now or login www.massurbanchamber.org

For more information on how to become a founding member.

Terry L. Calloway *Founder*

Leonard Lee *Founding Member*

Sophia Gurley *Founding Member*

For More Info:

www.massurbanchamber.org

Phone: 1888.538.3834

Business Innovation Challenge



Entrepreneur Training & Contest

Program Name: Business Innovation Challenge - Entrepreneur Training & Contest
10- week program - to be held on Tuesday evenings

Starting Date: April 21st, 2015

Time: 6:00 -9:00 pm

Location: Grove Hall Community Center | 51 Geneva Avenue, Dorchester, MA

Contact Person: Edwidge Lafleur | email: elafleur@cweonline.org

GREATER GROVE HALL MAIN STREETS IN THE NEWS!

**Greater Grove Hall
MAIN STREETS**



CONGRATULATIONS!
GREATER GROVE HALL MAIN STREET
HAS NOW BECOME ACCREDITED FOR 2015.

**“YOUR MAIN STREET PROGRAM HAS BEEN NAMED
A 2015 ACCREDITED MAIN STREET PROGRAM FOR
MEETING THE 10 STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE
IN 2014.”**

THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION,
A PRIVATELY FUNDED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION,
WORKS TO SAVE AMERICA'S HISTORIC PLACES.



**National Main Street
Center**

a subsidiary of the
National Trust for Historic Preservation

THE BAY STATE
Banner

HUD program brings funds to Grove Hall social services

Eliza Dewey | 3/12/2015, 6 a.m.

Also of interest



Main Streets Director Ed Gaskin sees bright future for Grove Hall



Ed Gaskin new executive director of Greater Grove Hall Main Streets



Roxbury neighbors question DND sale of Warren St. land

In the next few weeks the city's Department of Neighborhood Development will begin accepting applications for federal funding for economic development projects in the Grove Hall area.

The process will begin when the DND releases its formal Request for Proposals (RFP), the letter the agency sends out to community groups as the first step in the development process to solicit applications for the projects. A total of \$500,000 will be made available, with a maximum of \$100,000 per project.

Money for the project comes from a federal funding stream known as the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, an offshoot of the HOPE VI federal funding program. HOPE VI was an initiative by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development started in the 1990s to revitalize failing public housing projects by converting them into mixed-income developments. It was the 1980s conversion of Dorchester's Columbia Point Housing Projects into a mixed-income development — now called Harbor Point — that first inspired the national HOPE VI program. Choice Neighborhoods provides funding not just for assisted housing, but also the areas surrounding it.


Applications will be due 45 days from the date the RFP is issued. Projects must also be completed by August 2017. They must be based within the Quincy Corridor Target Area, which roughly covers the area just north of Four Corners over to Grove Hall and stretching up to Uphams Corner.

Ed Gaskin, Executive Director of Greater Grove Hall Main Streets, said that this would not be the first time the neighborhood received such funding. A string of store fronts along Blue Hill Avenue near the intersection with Warren Street — including a barber shop, a Chinese food place and a pizza shop — have undergone store-front renovations thanks to the same kind of grant awarded to the building's owner last summer.

This time, Gaskin said, he hopes for a "shared work space" to cultivate business innovation, similar to the spacious innovation hubs that Mayor Martin Walsh has touted in the city's "Innovation District" in the Seaport District.

Gaskin said the area would serve as an "incubator" to encourage collaboration among local entrepreneurs. He said such spaces cultivated "a community of people thinking the same way" and help to provide a role model for young people, showing them "what it would be like to be part of a start-up."

When asked how he would ensure that a business lab would serve people of the community rather than being usurped by outside start-up companies hoping to take advantage of the area's low rent prices, Gaskin said that he thought the benefit of having people who are



starting businesses and could serve as role models would outweigh any such concerns.

Gaskin also described the innovation center as cost-effective, since the space would not require “a lot of build-out.” He said people in the neighborhood have longed for rebuilding in the area for a long time but that because “the world has changed a lot in the past 40 years,” it was not practical to focus entirely on adding another retail store front.

The RFP’s release date is still being finalized, but it will be issued in the last week of March or first week of April. It will be posted online at <http://dnd.cityofboston.gov/#page/rfps>.

OLYMPIC CONTACT INFO



BOSTON

For those who have comments, questions and concerns about the Olympics.

- 1) John FitzGerald is the Chief of Olympic Operations and Special Projects for the City of Boston.
- 2) If you want to email questions or concerns please send them to Olympics@boston.gov
- 3) To join the mailing list, you can **text** your email address to **617-431-4100**, and you will be added to the list automatically. *(if you do not have this capability, please send John an email and he will find a way to add you)*
- 4) John is happy to come and meet/call with whatever groups or individuals that have questions, concerns, and even possibly ideas for how hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games can make Boston a better City.

NEWS FEEDS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ED GASKIN

WITH THE MOST WORSHIPFUL

GRAND MASTER OF PRINCE HALL

MASONIC LODGE IN GROVE HALL

MEETING TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT IN GROVE HALL.





MASS GROWTH CAPITAL , SNOW STORM LOAN FUND





LEFT: ED GASKIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GREATER GROVE HALL MAIN STREETS.
MIDDLE: BOSTON POLICE SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM G. GROSS.
ROBBY THOMAS, CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GREATER GROVE HALL MAIN STREETS.

PREVIOUS EVENTS...

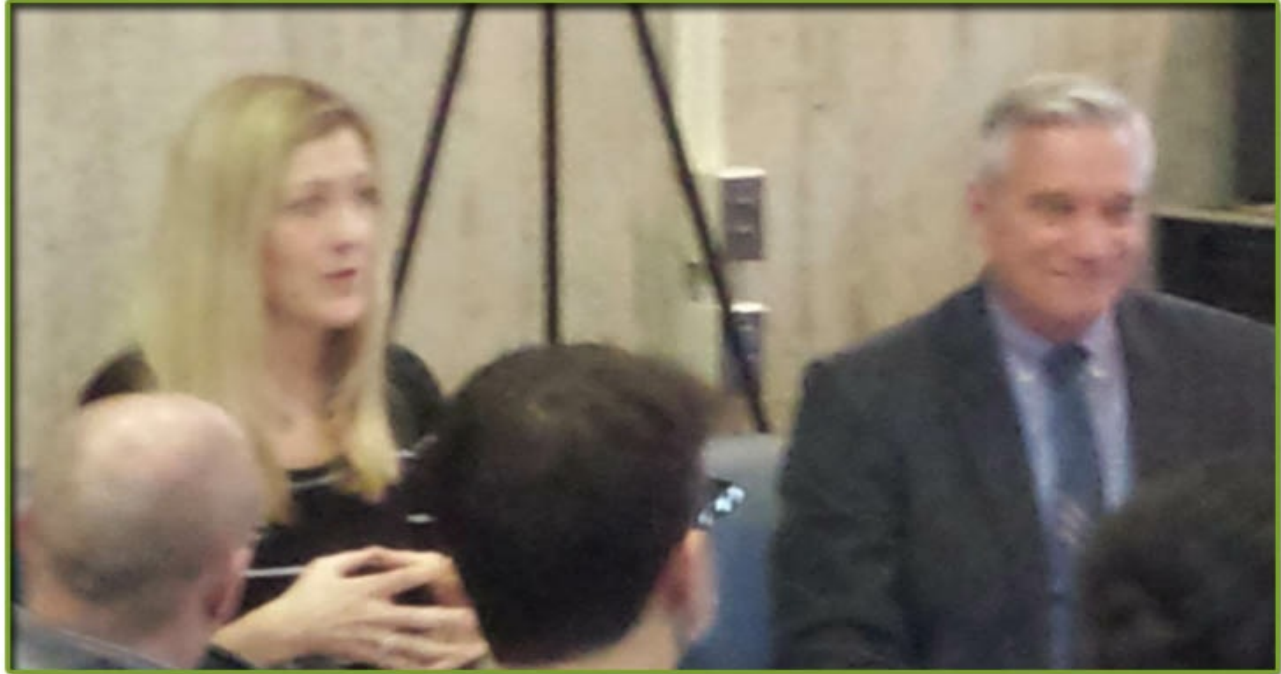


COMMUNITY MEETING DISCUSSING DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY
ON SEVER STREET AND BLUE HILL.





ROXBURY HISTORY MEMORY TRAIL COMMUNITY MEETING
BOB HECTOR BERTRAND & SISTER VIRGINIA



KARA MILLE, HEAD OF WOMEN ON MAIN, PROMOTING THE PROGRAM.

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