



## 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.

Photo credit: Bob Thompson

Want to know what is going on in Greater Grove Hall? Visit [www.greatergrovehall.org/calendar](http://www.greatergrovehall.org/calendar)

## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED BUSINESS.

### 4 Star Dance School

614 Blue Hill Ave  
Dorchester, MA 02121

(617) 474 7002

[4stardancestudio@gmail.com](mailto:4stardancestudio@gmail.com)



Classes offered: African, Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Modern, and Hip Hop. Our classes range from beginners starting out at age three to advanced classes for experienced dancers. We offer private lessons for those wanting individual instruction. We also have a personal trainer for those who want to tighten and tone. Our studio is available for rental for rehearsals, birthday parties, and baby showers. We also have the Busy Bee dance wear shop. Monday evening we have adult classes such as line dances.

## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED BUSINESS.

### Alima's African Hair Braiding owned by Alima

10 Washington Street  
Dorchester, MA. 02121

#### HOURS

Tues - Sun 9 am - 5 pm



Alima's African Hair Braiding is also located in the heart of Grove Hall at Unity Plaza. In addition to being a beauty salon offering African hair braiding, they offer beauty supplies and sell wigs, hair, jewelry and accessories.

For more information please call (617) 427-1464 or, visit their website at [alimasafricanhairbraiding.com](http://alimasafricanhairbraiding.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

\* 2014 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Join us in your neighborhood for free kids' activities, food, and entertainment!  
August 4th, 6 - 8:30PM @ Mary Hannon Playground / Dudley Street (opposite Kroc Center).

\* CIRCLE THE CITY: Community planning meeting.  
August 7th, 6 pm @ Thomas L. Atkins Community Center 215 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119.

\* DORCHESTER CLEAN ENERGY CAMPAIGN: Workshop Schedule.

August 21st, 6 - 7:30pm @ Grove Hall Library, 41 Geneva Avenue, Boston  
October 11th, 10am - 12pm @ Codman Square Library, 690 Washington St., Dorchester

\* **PLACEMAKING OPPORTUNITY DISCUSSION:** Help Improve and design public spaces in Grove Hall. Join the Roxbury Grate Neighborhood Coalition for a meeting to discuss future Placemaking opportunities and priorities in the Greater Grove Hall area.  
September 20th, 9:30am - 12:30am @ St. Katherine Drexel Parish, 517 Blue Hill Ave. Dorchester, MA 02144.

\* **SAVE THE DATE:** Keep your eyes open for your invite to the Greater Grove Hall Main Streets Awards Reception.  
September 25th, 7 - 9:30pm @ Franklin Park Zoo

\* **OPEN STREETS, OPEN WORLD:** Blue Hill Avenue will be closed to cars and open to people with featured activities for all ages such as: Live music from local musicians || Fitness and Dance classes || Kids' games and art projects || An Interfaith Dialogue || Walking and Biking tours || Art Making || A historic photo exhibition || Free Bikes for all ages || Innovative greening projects || ZUMBA, Step and Hula Hoops || Job Resources and MUCH more!  
September 28th, 1 - 5pm (Between Dudley Street and Warren Street)



**CELEBRATE**



Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Police Commissioner William B. Evans, and the Boston Police Department Neighborhood Watch Unit invite you to attend....

# 2014 National Night Out!

**Join us in your neighborhood!**

Monday, August 4, 2014

Mary Hannon  
Playground  
Dudley St. (opposite Kroc Center)

6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Parking available at Kroc Center

Meet your neighbors and local police officers & celebrate America's Night

Meet Mayor Walsh, Police Commissioner Evans, and BPD Command Staff!

Free kids' activities, food and entertainment! Awards for Boston's neighborhood watch groups!

For more information, please visit: 

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• facebook.com/bostonpolicedepartment  
• twitter @bostonpolice





# Grove Hall + Placemaking

Great neighborhoods start with a series of great destinations.



Do you have ideas for how the public spaces in our area could be more vibrant, accessible, safe, and meaningful?

Join the Roxbury Great Neighborhood Coalition for a meeting on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss future Placemaking opportunities and priorities in the Greater Grove Hall Area

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30AM - 12:30PM**

**St. Katherine Drexel Parish**

**517 Blue Hill Avenue**

**Dorchester, MA 02121**

## "OPEN STREETS, OPEN WORLD"

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2014**  
(Between Dudley Street and Warren Street)

**FREE BIKES FOR ALL AGES**

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CELEBRATING COMMUNITY AT  
**CIRCLE THE CITY**

**OPEN STREETS,  
OPEN WORLD**

**BLUE HILL AVENUE**  
Come play on car-free Blue Hill Ave  
between Dudley and Warren Streets

**SEPT. 28, 2014**  
SUNDAY / 1pm - 5pm

[www.circlethecityboston.org](http://www.circlethecityboston.org)

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To volunteer, become a sponsor or for more information please contact Ola Akinwumi at [oaakin@emeraldnecklace.org](mailto:oaakin@emeraldnecklace.org).

## Greater Grove Hall Main Streets in the News!

***"The City of Boston has increased the funding for on-site technical assistance/consulting, and has increased the number of service providers."***



*Betsy Cowan, Neighborhood Business Manager for the City of Boston*

Betsy Cowan, Neighborhood Business Manager for the City of Boston is informing the Main Street Director's the City of Boston has increased the funding for on-site technical assistance/consulting, and has increased the number of service providers. If you believe your business could benefit from experts in areas such as marketing, finance, retailing, operations etc. please contact **Ed Gaskin**, the **Executive Director** for the Greater Grove Hall Main Streets program at (617) 460 - 2326.

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## NEWS FEEDS:

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### "CIRCLE THE CITY COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING"

Thursday August 7th, 6 pm

Thomas L Atkins Community Center 215 Blue Hill Avenue,  
Roxbury, MA 02119

## CIRCLE THE CITY



Open Streets, Open Parks

**"DORCHESTER  
CLEAN ENERGY CAMPAIGN WORKSHOP  
SCHEDULE"**

**Thursday August 21st, 6pm - 7:30 pm**

Grove Hall Library, 41 Geneva Ave., Boston

**Saturday October 11th, 10 am - 12 pm**

Codman Square Library, 690 Washington St., Dorchester



Learn about no-cost home energy assessments, solar heating and cooling and our contribution to Fields Corner Children Thrive at [Nextstepliving.com](http://Nextstepliving.com) or, call us at (866) 867-8729.

## Previous Events...

### "Boston Main Streets Awards Ceremony."

*"The purpose of the meeting was to discuss what he wanted as a business owner in Grove Hall, ideas for economic development such as collaborative work spaces, a second phase of the Grove Hall Mecca, Place making, fundraising and future partnerships."*



Pictured above (left) is **Robert Hector**, a board member, receiving an award for **Outstanding Volunteer of the Year**. He is pictured with Mayor Walsh and Shelia Dillon, Chief of Housing and Director of Department of Neighborhood Development.

Pictured above (right) is **Charles Clemons**, of Ttouch 106.1, receiving the award for **Business of**



the Year. He is pictured with Mayor Walsh and Shelia Dillon.

*"For those who were unable to attend the Boston Main Streets Annual Awards Ceremony with Suzanne Wornick."*



Around Town Episode 7/2/14

[Click HERE for the Complete Awards Ceremony](#) filmed by BNN for their series Around Town".



[Click HERE](#) to view ALL of the images from the Boston Main Streets Annual Awards Ceremony.



## What *Other* Main Streets Are Doing...

**"We invite you to participate in Mark's Area Main Street's Ashmont/Peabody Square Farmers' Market at Ashmont/Peabody Square"**

**Until we have our own farmers' market again, we have been invited to participate in the one at Ashmont/Peabody square.**



The Ashmont/Peabody Square Farmers' Market will run every Friday (except July 4), 3-7 p.m., through October 17. We'll have music, children's activities, and great vendors all season long! We welcome SNAP/EBT purchases, and Boston Bounty Bucks will match up to \$10 of produce purchases when you use your SNAP/EBT card. And for the first time, credit cards will also be accepted (\$1 service charge applies). Find the latest market news via Facebook @ [Ashmont/Peabody Square Farmers Market](#) and on Twitter @ [AshmontFarmMkt](#).



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**Greater Grove Hall Main Streets  
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