



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.

Porta Classica

<http://portaclassica.com/>

478 Blue Hill Ave.
Boston, MA. 02121

HOURS

Mon - Sat 9:30 am - 7 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm - 5 pm



We are a men's clothing store with three locations in Boston. Porta Classica is your one-stop shop for everything you need. We provide exceptional clothing for well dressed men. We offer a large selection of formal and casual wear. We also have a wide selection of shoes.

We are currently having a sale that includes 60% off suits and 50% off shirts, outerware, jeans, and casual shirts.

This months special: Buy 2 suits, Get 2 shirts and 2 ties for FREE.

For more information please call (617) 708-0767 or go to portaclassicama@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **MEETING NOTICE:** Roxbury Memory History Trail Community Meeting Grove Hall Library. Thursday December 11th, 6pm - 8 pm. This will be an opportunity to receive an update and provide feedback on this important project.
- * **DECK THE HALLS:** Holidays on Main Streets 2014. Mayor Walsh invites you to join the 5th annual Deck the Windows competition! Showcase your Main Street business while showing off your holiday cheer. For more information contact Ed Gaskin, Executive Director of Greater Grove Hall Main Streets at ewgaskin@gmail.com or 617 460-2326
- * **SAVE THE DATE:** Grove Hall Christmas Tree Lighting with Boston's Mayor Walsh. December 13th @ the Grove Hall Library.
1pm - 3pm Christmas ornament decorating
3pm - 4pm Christmas Carols and Tree lighting

4pm

Prince Hall Lodge for refreshments

* **BOSTON BUYING POWER:** Mayor Martin J Walsh invites you to Join.

* **THE DUDLEY SQUARE MAIN STREETS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL:** Celebrate the holidays in Dudley Square. Enjoy art, youth activities, and business events every FRIDAY during the month of December,

* **ESL CLASS FOR BUSINESS:** Starts up again in January. Open to all Roxbury and Dudley businesses.

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save the date

SATURDAY, 13TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS

Tree Lighting

WITH BOSTON'S MAYOR WALSH

1PM - 3PM AT THE GROVE HALL LIBRARY, CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT DECORATING

3PM - 4PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND TREE LIGHTING

4PM PRINCE HALL LODGE FOR REFRESHMENTS

[To join or for more information, CLICK HERE](#)

Boston Buying Power



This winter and beyond, business owners will likely see a significant increase in the cost of gas and electricity this coming winter and beyond. The City of Boston has a solution for you.

To reduce the impact of increased energy costs on the city's business and nonprofit sectors, Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the City of Boston's Office of Business Development have created **Boston Buying Power**.

This program creates a citywide energy buying group to assist Boston business and nonprofits in the procurement of electricity and natural gas. The result is an opportunity for Boston's businesses to have much more control over their utility bills in a volatile market, and to have increased certainty about their energy costs.

Traditionally, business owners and nonprofits have not had the advantage of buying energy in bulk. And today's business owner likely does not have expertise -- or the time -- to navigate the complexities of the energy markets.

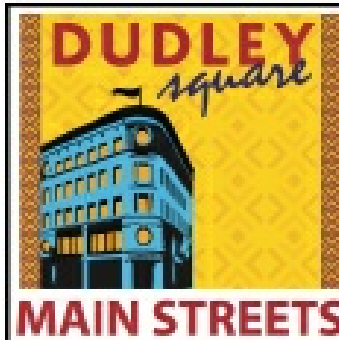
Boston Buying Power combines the purchasing power of thousands of commercial and industrial customers across Boston, giving businesses a host of benefits, including lower energy pricing and long-term rate stability.

Since 2009, the City has helped create 6,000 Boston Buying Power accounts, placed in deregulated energy contracts through the program. The total energy load of this group is more than 500 million KWH, making BBP's energy buying group one of the largest aggregations in the state.

To join or for more information, [click here](#).

English Second Language Course For Local Businesses

**Mondays & Thursdays from 5:45PM-7:45PM
October 2-November 24 & January 6-February 26**



Dudley Square Main Streets

2343 Washington Street, Roxbury, MA 02119

617.541.4644

Joyce.Stanley2@verizon.net

DudleySquare.org

Do you need to communicate better with your customers? Can you make a 2 hour, twice a week time commitment beginning this fall? Register for DSMS's English Second Language Course for local businesses.

Co-sponsored by the Fellowes Athenaeum Fund.



www.bpl.org

**Dudley Branch of the Boston Public Library
65 Warren Street ~ 617.442.6186**

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Grove Hall PPS project



“GroveHall Plaza Concept drawings 112414”

Conceptual sketches from PPS on the site adjacent to Flames.
This is the first prototype we decided to take on as a project.



SHELIA DILLON AT END OF TABLE ON RIGHT SPEAKING.

NEWS FEEDS:

NEW SIDEWALKS FOR GREATER GROVE HALL, CITY OF BOSTON.



EARLIER IN THE YEAR THE GREATER GROVE HALL MAIN STREETS PROGRAM WAS ABLE TO GET \$250,000 FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS BECAUSE SHELIA DILLON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT IN CONNCTION WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAD SELECTED GREATER GROVE HALL AS ONE OF THE FOUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THE INFASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDED NEW SIDEWALKS, TREES, TRASH CANS, LIGHT REPLACEMENTS AND STREET STRIPING.

THIS IS A PICTURE OF THE PARK WE ARE TRYING TO IMPROVE. IDEAS WELCOME.



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Previous Events...



"PLACEMAKING WORKSHOP"

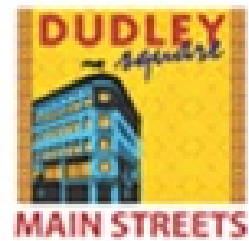
A Placemaking workshop was held at Saint Katharine Drexel Parish. This was the second of two meetings to look at Placemaking opportunities in the Greater Grove Hall area. There were approximately a dozen opportunities. The workshop looked at three specific opportunities based on the number of participants.



What *Other* Main Streets Are Doing...



CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS IN DUDLEY SQUARE

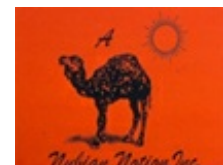


AT THE DUDLEY SQUARE MAIN STREETS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
ENJOY ART, YOUTH ACTIVITIES, AND BUSINESS EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

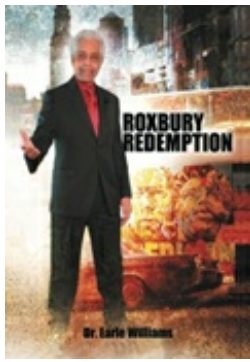
- **FRIDAYS IN DECEMBER**
CASTILLO WINE & LIQUOR (FORMERLY GIANT AT 2371 WASHINGTON STREET.) WILL BE HOSTING WINE AND CHEESE TASTING OF THEIR NEW LINE OF WINES AND CRAFT BEERS.
- **DECEMBER 3-7 BOSTON MAIN STREETS' HOLIDAYS ON MAIN STREETS WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST. VOTE FOR THE BEST STOREFRONT DECORATION.**
- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5**
ROXBURY REDEMPTION BY DR. EARLE WILLIAMS BOOK DISCUSSION AND SIGNING AT THE DUDLEY LIBRARY FROM 1:30-4:30.
TEEN POETRY SLAM 5-7-CITY ON A HILL, DUDLEY CAMPUS, 2181 WASHINGTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR (UPSTAIRS OVER PAYLESS SHOES).
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**
DOLL RAVE & ART SHOW-11-5, CENTRAL BOSTON ELDERS COMMUNITY ROOM, 2315 WASHINGTON STREET-COLLECTABLE DOLLS AND UNIQUE ARTS AND CRAFTS.
DUDLEY SQUARE TREE LIGHTING AT INTERSECTION OF WARREN AND DUDLEY STREETS 1:00- 4:00; TREE LIGHTING AT 3:30.
- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**
BEST SANDWICH CONTEST-AT AREA RESTAURANTS- BALLOT BOXES AT ONE UNITED BANK AND A NUBIAN NOTION.
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**
KIDS HANDS ON TECH DAY-CENTRAL BOSTON ELDERS COMMUNITY ROOM, 2315 WASHINGTON STREET-TEST YOUR CHILD'S CREATIVITY
- **OTHER ACTIVITIES**
KIDS COMPUTERS/TABLETS TO BE RAFFLED IN STORES-DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS AND MORE BUSINESS EVENTS
CALL 617 541-4644 EMAIL JOYCE.STANLEY3@VERIZON.NET
OR GO TO WWW.DUDLEY SQUARE.ORG ON NOVEMBER 28



DUDLEY SQUARE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL



COME ENJOY A BOOK DISCUSSION, BOOK SIGNING & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 FROM 1:30-4:30 AT THE DUDLEY LIBRARY
BOOKS AVAILABLE AT A NUBIAN NOTION

Roxbury Redemption by Dr. Earle Williams. Here is a brief paragraph about it:

"This is the story of a life well lived but with difficulties along the way. Dr. Williams tells how he overcame challenges and found a meaningful and fulfilling life with perseverance and the grace of God. With the aid of three great religions, Catholic, Baptist and the Nation of Islam he was placed on a trajectory of success.

As a child his mother was told he was mentally retarded. After starting high school at the age of 12, and the only Black in all of his classes for four years, he was told "any college that accepts you is hard up". His father told him he was too stupid to finish high school and that he should quit and get a job.

Then as a 21-year-old recently discharged Air Force veteran, he discovered his mother had been killed by a hit-and-run white male driver. Enraged, he embarked on a life of crime for two years until arrested and sentenced to Walpole Maximum Security Penitentiary in Massachusetts.

When released, he enrolled in college and 15 years later received his doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology. In the tradition of "when you get to where you're going don't forget where you've been" he tells the story how he and perhaps others released from prison can turn their lives around. Now as a Forensic Clinical Psychologist in private practice and assistant professor at Hampton University he tells you "there's plenty of room at the top, it's just those darn bottoms that are so crowded".

Settenah Wright

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