



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

- * BOSTON BUYING POWER: MAYOR MARTIN J WALSH INVITES YOU TO JOIN.
- * ESL CLASS FOR BUSINESS: STARTS UP AGAIN IN JANUARY. OPEN TO ALL ROXBURY AND DUDLEY BUSINESSES.
- * NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO BOOST NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMY: CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM. WHEN: THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015 - 8:00 TO 10:00 AM WHERE: RAYTHEON AMPHITHEATRE AT THE EGAN CENTER @ NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, 120 FORSYTH ST. BOSTON, MA



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.

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

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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**



Northeastern University

Grow Your Small Business – with NU's Help

Coffee & Conversation: Learn How to Scale Your Business and Win Contracts with Large Institutions, like Northeastern University

This spring, Northeastern University, in partnership with Next Street, a Boston-based firm that provides urban small businesses and nonprofits business advice and access to capital, will be delivering an exclusive three-part workshop series to up to 18 local businesses to ensure they have the skills and tools needed to grow their business and win more contracts with NU and other large institutions.

Join us for a morning of coffee and conversation to learn how to take advantage of this incredible opportunity and how to apply for the NU Capacity Building Program.



TOP 3 REASONS TO ATTEND

1. Improve your chances of securing a contract with NU and other large institutions
2. Find out how to make your Capacity Building Program application stand out
3. Network with NU procurement officers

WHO

The following preferred criteria apply for all potential program participants, although we may consider high potential businesses that do not fit all of these criteria.

- **Industries:** Design & Construction, Facilities Maintenance, Specialty Trades, Professional Services, Furniture/Furnishings Supply, Plant/ Office Equipment Supply & Repair, Food Supply & Catering, Printing & Design Services, Advertising/Marketing Design, AV/Computer Supply & Repair, and more
- **Profile:** MWBEs and/or local small businesses; 3+ employees
- **Annual Revenue:** \$1.5 million+
- **Operation:** 3 years or more continuously operating
- **Track Record:** Previously bid on or held contracts with Northeastern, or interested in bidding on Northeastern contracts
- **Commitment:** Owner/CEO or executive decision-maker must be available to participate in all three workshop sessions (April – May 2015)

Attendance is limited!

Please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/1BISR17>. For questions, contact Mike McNamara at m.mcnamara@neu.edu or 617.373.5883.

WHAT

Session Highlights include:

- Overview of Program Benefits & Requirements
- Q & A with Program Facilitators
- Meet & Greet with NU Procurement Officers

WHEN

Thursday, January 15, 2015 -
9:00 to 10:00 am

WHERE

Raytheon Amphitheatre at the Egan Center
Northeastern University
120 Forsyth St. Boston, MA

Campus Map: <http://www.northeastern.edu/campusmap/printable/campus-map.pdf> (Parking Information included)

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GREATER GROVE HALL MAIN STREETS IN THE NEWS!

ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING COMMUNITY MEETING AT FRANKLIN PARK CLUBHOUSE

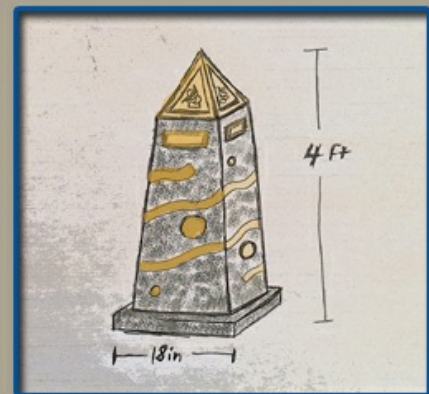
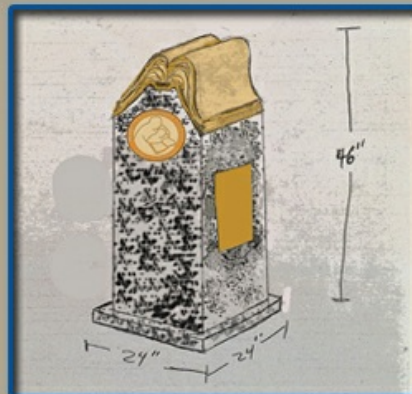


PICTURED ABOVE :

- PEG BARRINGER FROM FINE POINT CONSULTING
- WALTER LITTLE
- KARENLYN BUNCH
- BRUCE BICKERSTAFF
- NOT PICTURED: ED GASKIN

MEETING OF ROXBURY HISTORIC MEMORIAL TRAIL COMMUNITY

- EXAMPLES OF SCULPTURES BEING DISCUSSED FOR THE ROXBURY MEMORY HISTORY TRAIL COMMUNITY MEETING
- ORIGINAL PRELIMINARY CONCEPT SKETCHES.
- PHOTOGRAPHER SELECTION





NEWS FEEDS:

"DECK THE WINDOWS" CONTEST FINALISTS

FINALIST # 1



TREE # 1



TREE # 2



FINALIST # 2





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 INFASCTRURE 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.



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT MAKING & TREE LIGHTING EVENT

HELD AT GROVE HALL LIBRARY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
PROJECT RIGHT AND THE CITY OF BOSTON



PICTURED: ED GASKIN & LORNA MICHELLE



ED GASKIN WITH STAFF FROM ZOO WHO VOLUNTEERED AT TREE LIGHTING EVENT.

What *Other* Main Streets Are Doing...

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www.gretergrovehall.org/calendar

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