



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

## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED BUSINESS.

### FLAMES III RESTAURANT

*one of three locations*

469 Blue Hill Ave  
Dorchester, MA. 02121

(617) 989 - 0000

#### HOURS

Mon - Sat 7 am - 11 pm  
Sunday 7 am - 10 pm



Flames III is located in the heart of Grove Hall and features Caribbean and American Food. This location is referred to as Flames III as there are two others.

Each of our three locations has its own unique style while providing the same welcoming Caribbean experience through the authentic cuisine, colorful décor coupled with vibrant artwork and pictures of popular West Indian entertainers, some of whom have enjoyed our meals.

Flames III serves up American favorites like grits, omelets and pancakes alongside the traditional Jamaican breakfast fare. Lunch and dinner also features our Jamaican favorites including some seafood dishes and items with a Southern flavor.

Flames also provides catering. For more information, please call 617 989-0000, or visit the web site at [flamesrestaurant.com/](http://flamesrestaurant.com/)



## 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.

*One satisfied customer wrote: "I have had my hair braided by Alima many, many times. I have had Senegalese twist, box braids, many braided styles with my natural hair and my extensions. Alima was hilarious, and I was serviced right away. I found her prices similar and competitive to all the other places I had been to. . . . It was very neat. And I've been back many times and always had great results!"*

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

\* **GROVE HALL + PLACEMAKING:** Do you have ideas for how the public spaces in our areas could be more vibrant, accessible, safe, and meaningful?

July 1st, 2 - 4:30pm @ St. Katherine Drexel Church, 517 Blue Hill Ave. Roxbury, MA 02119  
July 2nd, 9 - 12:30pm @ Atkins Community Center, 215 Blue Hill Ave. Roxbury, MA02119.

\* **WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP:** Summer Soiree (refreshments & networking)

July 9th, 6 - 8pm, @ Babson's Campus, 253 Summer Street Boston, MA. 02121.

\* **ASHMONT/PEABODY FARMER'S MARKET:** Until we have our own farmers market again, we have been invited to participate in the one at Ashmont/Peabody square.

Every Friday (except July 4th), 3 - 7pm through October 17th @ Ashmont/Peabody Square.

\* **LAUNCH PAD PROGRAM:** Act quickly to apply for this short summer 2014 technology grant for small businesses.

Application deadline extended to July 10th, 2014.

\* **OTHER MAIN STREETS:** Teatro en el Parque/Theatre in the Park - FREE

(Escena Latina Teatro presents La Nona (The Grandmother) in Spanish with English subtitles)

July 29th, Entertainment starts @ 6pm, Play starts @ 7:30 pm  
Mozart Park, 10 Mozart Street, Jamaica Plain

# 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 Wednesday, July 2nd to discuss future Placemaking opportunities and priorities in the Greater Grove Hall area, in partnership with Project for Public Spaces (PPS), a non-profit planning, design, and educational organization dedicated to helping people create and sustain public spaces that build stronger communities. This initiative builds on previous work that the Roxbury Great Neighborhoods Coalition and PPS did in Roxbury in 2012 through the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance.

## Activities

- Presentation about placemaking
- Power of Ten Group Exercise: Identify Assets, Opportunities, and Underperforming Places
- Identify locations to create great places in Grove Hall

**Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

2 – 4:30 PM

St. Katharine Drexel Church  
517 Blue Hill Avenue  
Roxbury, MA 02119

**Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9 AM – 12:30 PM

Atkins Community Center  
in the Atkins Community Room  
215 Blue Hill Avenue  
Roxbury, MA 02119

**REGISTER TODAY!**

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



## Event Sponsors:

Roxbury Great Neighborhood Coalition  
Project Right, Inc.  
Greater Grove Hall Main Streets  
Quincy Geneva Housing Corp

## Co-sponsors

Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation  
Grove Hall Neighborhood Development Corporation

*This event is funded by the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance*

*Join us for the*

**WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**SUMMER**

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*An Evening with*  
**Boston Business Owners**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 6 - 8 p.m.**

**Babson's Campus at 253 Summer Street, Boston**

*presented by*

 **BABSON** / THE CENTER FOR WOMEN'S  
ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP



City of Boston  
Mayor Martin J. Walsh

**Women**   
**on Main**



Office of  
Business Development

**RSVP: [cwelbostonsummersoiree.eventbrite.com](http://cwelbostonsummersoiree.eventbrite.com)**

**At this event, three successful women entrepreneurs  
will share their stories and insights on building  
companies in the greater Boston area.**

*There will be refreshments and networking.*

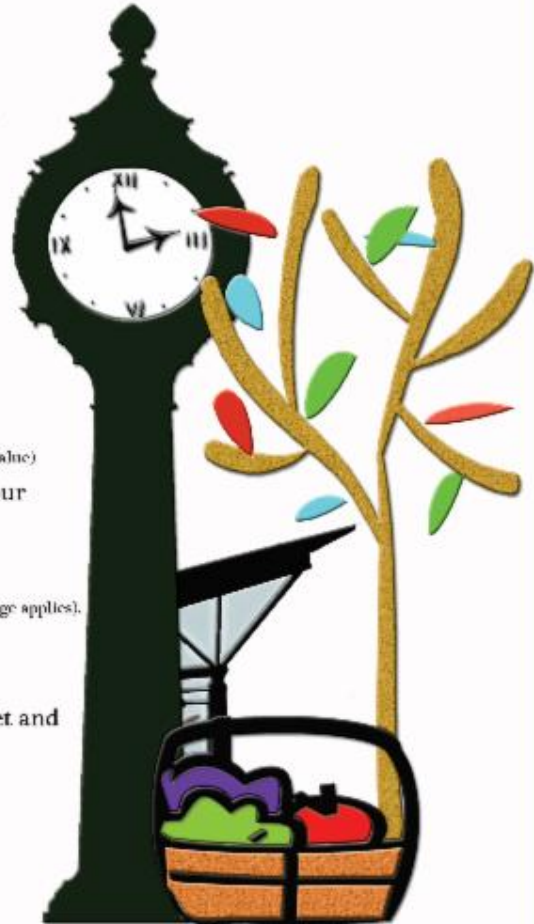


# Farmers' Market

Ashmont/Peabody Square

We invite you to participate in  
Mark's Area Main Street's  
Ashmont/Peabody Square  
Farmers' Market  
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!
- Shop for locally grown fresh fruit & vegetables with SNAP/ EBT/ WIC purchases and Senior Nutrition Coupons.
- Double SNAP benefits with Boston Bounty Bucks. (Up to \$20 total value)  
We will match up to \$10 of produce purchases when you use your SNAP/EBT card.
- For the first time, credit cards will also be accepted (\$1 service charge applies).
- Find the latest market news via . . .  
Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AshmontPeabodySquareMarket](http://www.facebook.com/AshmontPeabodySquareMarket) and  
on Twitter @AshmontFarmMkt





**Dorchester Bay**

Economic Development Corporation

594 Columbia Road / Suite 302 / Dorchester, MA 02125

**Launch Pad  
Program**

## **Does your business need Software or Hardware?**

**Act quickly to apply for this short summer 2014 technology grant for small businesses.**

**Want to expand the use of technology in your small business?**

**Want help paying for computers and software for your business?**

**Interested in creating a more efficient, profitable business?**

*"Dear Small Businesses in Boston and Friends of Small Businesses in Boston,*

*Attached is the application packet to apply for the **Launch Pad Grant Program**, a program supported by Dorchester Bay EDC. Grants awarded by this program help small businesses in Boston (under \$500k in annual revenues) pay for 75% of the cost of technology to help small businesses overcome the financial hurdle of getting fully online in the digital commerce age."*

(See criteria below for eligibility, purpose, and limits)

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Businesses that apply **MUST**:

- Have at least 2 years of cash flow as an operating business.
- Have under \$500,000 in annual sales.
- Be well organized.
- Have a clear plan for technology use.
- Be on a path to growing their business and have clear plans for that growth.
- Be located in Boston (priority given to low-to-moderate income areas of the city).
- Be capable of paying 25% of the cost of technology items (grant covers 75% of cost).

### **PROCESS**

1. Request application (applications are available now - email us for a copy).
2. Draft Your Application (call or email Launch Pad for guidance and clarity).
3. Schedule meeting w/ Launch Pad Coordinator (\*\*required).
4. Submit application (**DEADLINE: extended to July 10th, 2014**).
5. Awards will be made and announced no later than July 25th, 2014.
6. Grant Recipients must use their funding by September 15th, 2014.
7. Businesses will be awarded grants based on:
  1. The feasibility of their plan to utilize and incorporate the technology.
  2. How realistically the business will integrate the technology into the daily/monthly operations of their business.
  3. The extent to which software and hardware will improve, grow, and/or strengthen the business.
  4. Availability of funds (limited funds are available).
8. Grant size: Between \$1,500 and \$10,000 (grant must be no more than 75% of total cost of proposed technology expenditures).

[\*\*Launch Pad Main Application\*\*](#)

[\*\*Grant Budget Financial Request\*\*](#)

For questions and assistance, please contact:

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

### ***"Teatro en el Parque/Theatre in the Park"***

**FREE**

Escena Latina Teatro presents *La Nona (The Grandmother)* in Spanish with English subtitles.

**Tuesday, July 29th**

Entertainment starts at 6:00 pm, play starts at 7:30 pm.

Mozart Park, 10 Mozart Street, Jamaica Plain



### ***"Jack Columbo and Friends Outdoor Concert in the Park"***

**FREE - Open to the public**

**Thursday, July 17th, 7pm**

@ Brighton Commons Park  
(across from Brighton Branch BPL)





## Greater Grove Hall Main Streets in the News!

"Ed Gaskin and Al Vega went door-to-door signing up businesses for the workplace safety training."



Photo of Al Vega. Deputy Director of the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety & Health (MassCOSH) and the owner of Millennium Market.

"Ed Gaskin meets with Steve Samuels of Samuels Associates."

*"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."*



## ReStore Program. . .



### Making Your Neighborhood

*"Greater Grove Hall Main Streets is in the process of creating a series of videos on services available to Main Streets Businesses. This particular video focuses on the ReStore program."*

## Previous Events...



***"We have an opportunity to get improvements made to the Greater***

# Grove Hall Neighborhood."



FRONT (English)



BACK (Spanish)

The purpose of this flyer was to get ideas from business owners as to what they want done. The flyer includes both English on one side and Spanish on the other.

## NEWS FEEDS:

### "Real Estate Consulting and Advisory"

*"After discussing the need with several key stakeholders, we are considering providing real estate advisory services as part of what we offer businesses. With almost 70% of the land in communities of color being undeveloped or underdeveloped, there is a real opportunity to shape the future of our communities. We can help property owners by connecting them with local and national tenants, and help with the design, development and permitting process among other services."*

*"Because of our relationship with both the BRA and Department of Neighborhood Development we can be of help to people looking for city owned property for development as well as help businesses looking to move into the area find the right space. With the number of empty storefronts and building we have, we have to take more initiative if we want to see economic development in our community. If you have an interest or have ideas as to how this should work, please contact us."*

**"The Main Street Executive Directors represent the 20 Main Streets neighborhoods."**



*"Shelia Dillon, Chief of Housing and Director of the Department of Neighborhood Development and Rafael Carbonell Deputy Director, Office of Boston Business Development City of Boston listen intently to the 20 Main Street Directors as they explain their position paper in detail."*

The Main Street Executive Directors developed an agreed upon set of priorities, which they provided to the mayoral candidates, the City Councilors, and Mayor Wash. Shelia Dillon wanted to know what Department of Neighborhood Development could do to help implement the priorities. It was a very productive 90 minute meeting. The seven priorities are listed below.

Priority 1: Foster micro and small business growth through improvements to the permitting and licensing process and zoning regulations.

Priority 2: Increase access to capital for micro and small businesses.

Priority 3: Increase access to high-quality, tailored technical assistance programs for micro and small businesses.

Priority 4: Incentivize property owner investment in storefront improvements and district enhancements.

Priority 5: Ensure that every neighborhood business district is clean and accessible.

Priority 6: Increase public safety resources and improve public safety in business districts to encourage additional foot traffic to local businesses

Priority 7: Activate the streetscape to create a more vibrant business district by increasing the use of public space and through streetscape enhancements.

We are always open to hearing of new ideas or additional priorities you believe would make the Greater Grove Hall Main Streets area more economically viable.



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**Greater Grove Hall Main Streets**  
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Dorchester, MA 02121

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