



September 2, 2014

"Greater Grove Hall Main Streets Awards Reception and Fundraiser"

*September 25th, 7pm-9:30pm
@ Franklin Park Zoo*



To get tickets for this event, please contact any board member or call Ed Gaskin at (617) 460 - 2326.

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

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED BUSINESS.

Merengue Restaurant

156-160 Blue Hill Avenue
Boston, MA 02119

Phone: (617) 445 - 5403
Fax: (617) 445 - 0106

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon - Sun 10:00 am to 10:00 pm
OPEN DECEMBER 25th AND JANUARY 1st

DELIVERY SERVICES

Monday to Sunday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm



Merengue is one of the best, if not THE best, Dominican restaurants in the greater Boston area. It has won numerous awards and has catered many prestigious events at some of the most prominent places in the City of Boston and Cambridge. Appetizers range from between \$4-\$8, salads from \$8 - \$17, entrees from \$11 - \$28 with most being below \$20. <http://www.merenguerestaurant.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

* **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

* **PLACEMAKING OPPORTUNITY DISCUSSION:** 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 27th to discuss future Placemaking opportunities and priorities in the Greater Grove Hall area, in partnership with Project for Public Spaces (PPS).

* **OPEN STREETS, OPEN WORLD:** Free Bikes for ALL ages. On September 28th from 1-5pm, 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!

Grove Hall + Placemaking

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Saturday, September 27th

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.

[To attend, click HERE to sign up](#)

"OPEN STREETS, OPEN WORLD"

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

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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

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To volunteer, become a sponsor or for more information please contact Ola Akinwumi at oakin@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.

NEWS FEEDS:

"NEW AND REPAIRED SIDEWALKS"

The city has started repairs on sidewalks in the Greater Grove Hall area.

They are also bringing the sidewalks up to code to meet the needs of the handicapped.



"GREATER GROVE HALL MAIN STREETS SUPPORTS MATTAPAN'S BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT"

Robby Thompson giving Jamie of *Mattapan's Finest Barber's* a check to support their 5th Annual "Cut & Curl Back to School" event.



Previous Events...

"Mattapan's 5th Annual Back to School Event."



FIFTH ANNUAL!

MATTAPAN'S FINEST cut and curl

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2014
8:00 am to 6:00 pm
MATTAPAN'S FINEST BARBERS
 663 Warren Street, Dorchester
 617.904.1101

FREE! Cuts, curls, and locks for children in grades 1 through 7.
 Food and school supplies (while supplies last).

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Mattapan's Finest Barbers

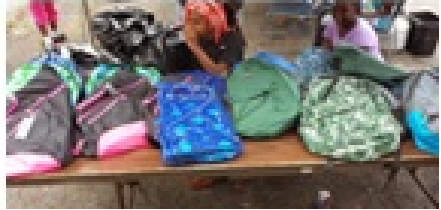
5th Annual Free Cut & Curl Back to School 2014

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- BarberTime LLC
- Fairhurst Photography
- BBB
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- Boston Area Education Center
- Mohagan Ben
- The Arts of The Covenant LLC
- Environmental Engineering Corp
- Bertie McFarlane
- Barbers + Stylists and Staff**
- Janelle + Joyce + The + P.O.C
- Alaina + Cheyenne + Peter + Mar
- Janelle + Natalie + Nicole + Ron
- Sherena + Dadi + Janyne + Tony
- Cherise + Ashley + Mitchell
- Jalilwan + Laysa B. + Jaymie



**NEED FOR
INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS**



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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Dorchester, MA 02121**

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