

# GREATER GROVE HALL MAIN STREETS

## Your monthly news & updates

Stay up to date on the latest opportunities, events, and happenings in the Grove Hall community.

### Save the Date: Greater Grove Hall Main Streets 5th Annual Awards Reception and Fundraiser

Join us on **Thursday, September 27** from **6 - 9 PM** at the **Tropical Forest, Franklin Park** to help our community raise money and to celebrate the individuals and businesses that allow it to thrive. See you all there!



### About MEPA

A new law went into effect on July 1st of this year: the Massachusetts Pay Equity Act, MEPA, which improves on the old equal pay laws dating back to 1945 in Massachusetts – the first state to have an equal pay law.

Regrettably, gender and racial pay gaps still exist. The good news is that MEPA works to find these pay gaps and correct them for the future. If you'd like to know more about the law and how to stay compliant, [click here](#).

[Complaint job application >](#)



### New Way for MA Small Businesses to Choose Health Insurance

Think your new business can't afford to offer health insurance for your employees? Massachusetts small businesses now have a way to easily research this question, so that you can determine whether this highly desirable employee benefit is within your business's reach.

Find out how to easily provide health insurance for your company - while saving



money and offering a choice of plans to employees - at the Health Connector for Business workshop.

[Learn more >](#)

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## Afrocentric Mural — Once Deemed 'Too Powerful' — Has Found Its Place In Dorchester

Covering the entire side wall exterior of a three-story apartment building at 199 Quincy St., Quiñonez completed “Love Thyself,” at the end of May. It’s the last of five city of Boston-funded art projects along the Quincy Street Corridor and the Grove Hall Business District. In the last two years, the city has spent about \$70,000 on the murals, art for utility boxes and new banners throughout the neighborhood.

[Learn more >](#)



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## Liz Malia's Office Hours

State Representative Liz Malia will be holding this month's office hours on **August 10** from **9 - 10:30 AM** at the **Grove Hall Library**. Swing on by!

[Learn more >](#)



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## Learn About the GATE Program

Generations Advancing Together through Education (GATE) provides services to Boston parents who have been historically unable to participate in training programs due to lack of childcare.

We have great news. We have added another exciting career training and are now funding a career pathway in Information Technology (IT). This program will prepare students for positions in Network Support, Help Desk, Systems Support Specialist just to name a few. We are still offer training in Banking & Finance, Office Skills, Pharmacy Technician and CNA. Remember, GATE also provide, comprehensive support services for all clients and childcare support for those who need it.



[Learn more >](#)

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## Save the Date: Comics in Color

Returning on **August 11 at 2 PM**, Comics in Color features comics for, by, and about people of color. Meet local artists, create a comic in the maker-space, and talk about your favorite comics and what you are working on. This program is for all ages!

[Learn more >](#)



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## Elma Lewis Playhouse in the Park Concert Series

Join us for a month of music in the park!  
All events are from **6 - 8 PM**.

- 8/7 Athene Wilson & Friends
- 8/14 Richie Rich & 24 Karat Funk
- 8/19 Gospel Festival
- 8/21 Midnight Crew All Star Revue



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## August Ujima Meetings

Every Wednesday from **6 - 8:30 PM** at the **City Life/Vida Urbana**:

- 8/1 Reparations
- 8/8 TBA
- 8/15 TBA
- 8/22 Transform Finance
- 8/29 TBA

[Learn more >](#)



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## The Resnikoff Gallery Seeking Visual Artists

The Resnikoff Gallery at Roxbury Community College is seeking visual artists for exhibits in the gallery space. Interested artists should have examples of their work either online or in exhibit within visiting distance. We seek bodies of work ready to be exhibited in a street level gallery space. We are also looking in to the possibility of outside installations, and art across the campus.



*What About War at Resnikoff Gallery at Roxbury Community College.*

For more information, or to schedule an meeting, please contact Marshall Hughes



## Greater Grove Hall Main Streets in the News

Our organization was recently spotlighted in the news! Check out the stories:

[Afrocentric mural finds its place on Quincy St. wall](#)

[City-Funded Afrocentric Mural — Once Deemed 'Too Powerful' — Has Found Its Place In Dorchester](#)



*Husband and wife Victor "Marka27" Quiñonez and Liza Quiñonez, the artists behind the mural*

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## Take Your Food Business to the Next Level

Santander Bank's Cultivate Small Business program is designed to help early-stage entrepreneurs like you: women, minorities, and immigrants working to build and sustain food-related businesses in emergent neighborhoods in the Greater Boston area. The program provides you with industry specific education, networks and mentoring, as well as small capital grants.



[Learn more >](#)

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## Be a Mentor for Young Entrepreneurs!

Connect. Engage. Empower. MENTOR. BUILD Boston students are launching their own businesses and they need you! BUILD is currently looking for passionate and energized mentors to help guide high school students through the process of creating their own businesses, ultimately to help empower them to take charge of their education, careers and life! They're now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year now.



[Apply now >](#)

[See the flier >](#)

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## The New Way for MA Small Businesses to Choose Health Insurance



Check out the [Health Connector for Business website!](#)

Looking for information for individual and family coverage? Click [here](#).

Have questions? Contact:

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617.936.1030

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Niki Conte  
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617.933.3046

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### CPA Eligibility Form for Fall Funding Round

A required [Eligibility & Information Form](#) will be due on September 7, 2018 and you can submit it now. CPA staff will get back to you within a few weeks to let you know if you are eligible to complete the full application.



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### Upcoming Events at the Zoo

**Brew at the Zoo**  
Saturday, August 18, 3:30 - 7:30 PM  
Franklin Park Zoo  
[Learn More >](#)

**Destination Dino**  
Open May 26 – September 3  
Weekdays, 10 AM – 4:30 PM  
Weekends, 10 AM – 5:30 PM  
Franklin Park Zoo  
[Learn More >](#)



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## Community Spotlight



Left to right, Mayor Walsh, Greater Grove Hall Main Streets Volunteer of the Year Jessi Field Sierra, Ed Gaskin, Karilyn Crockett and John Barros.

[Our Website](#)

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