



# Opening Celebration! Mentoring Murals: Goodnight | Pierce

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

345 Blue Hill Ave, Boston (map)

Please RSVP!

See www.nowandthere.org/mentoringmurals for more information.

#### Paul Goodnight and Larry Pierce Discuss Mentoring Murals





## 2021 Main Street America Accredited Program Press Release

Greater Grove Hall Main Streets has been designated as an accredited Main Street™ program for meeting rigorous performance standards. Each year, Main Street America and its partners announce the list of accredited programs to recognize their exceptional commitment to preservation-based economic development and community revitalization through the Main Street Approach™.

"We are proud to recognize this year's 889 nationally accredited Main Street programs that have worked tirelessly to advance economic vitality and quality of life in their downtowns and commercial districts," said Patrice Frey, President & CEO of Main Street America. "During an incredibly challenging year, these programs demonstrated the power of the Main Street movement to drive impressive local recovery efforts, champion small businesses, and foster vibrant downtown districts. I am inspired by their hard work and confident that these accredited communities will continue to help their downtowns flourish in the next stages of recovery."

In 2020, Main Street America programs generated \$4.14 billion in local reinvestment, helped open 4,356 net new businesses, generated 14,988 net new jobs, catalyzed the rehabilitation of 8,488 historic buildings, and clocked 983,702 volunteer hours.

The Greater Grove Hall Main Streets' performance is annually evaluated by Boston Main Streets which works in partnership with Main Street America to identify the local programs that meet 10 national performance standards. Evaluation criteria determines the communities that are building meaningful and sustainable revitalization programs and include standards such as, fostering strong public-private partnerships, documenting programmatic progress, and actively preserving historic buildings.

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## Free 1-Hour Webinar Training: Homeless Clients: Compassionate Solutions to Problematic Behavior

Do you and your staff want:

- More confidence working with individuals experiencing homelessness, mental illness, addiction, or trauma?
- Less problematic behavior in your organization?
- An inclusive organization, capable of serving everyone?

Presented by Ryan Dowd, Executive Director of a large shelter outside of Chicago and international homelessness trainer

When: Thursday, June 10 at 1:00 p.m. Central (11 a.m. Pacific, Noon Mountain, 2 p.m. Eastern)

Length: 1 Hour

Registration Required: <a href="https://event.webinarjam.com/register/87/7v7q0skv">https://event.webinarjam.com/register/87/7v7q0skv</a>



#### Roxbury Unity Parade

We're so excited to plan this year's Roxbury Unity Parade Weekend 2021. Roxbury Unity Weekend is a weekend celebration of Roxbury's culture, music, restaurants, tourism, and recognition. We recognize Roxbury's contributions to the city of Boston. Last year, we were the only parade in Boston that did not cancel. Due to Covid-19 and its effects on the Black community, we felt the need to continue to recognize and uplift the community of Roxbury. To keep everyone safe and to follow the guidelines, we were a caravan. If need be we will be a caravan again this year. As of right now, we are planning an in-person parade with safety measures and adherence to the guidelines set forth by the city, state, and the CDC.

We hope that you will be joining us this year on Sunday, July 18, 2021, as a sponsor, parade participant, participant in our Empowerment Resource Fair, or as an onlooker. We begin at Malcolm X BLVD then proceed to Malcolm X Park where we will be greeted to live music at the Roxbury Unity Parade HoodFest and the Empowerment Resource Fair. You can register to participate in the parade on our website. To participate in the fair email <a href="mailto:roxburyunityparade@gmail.com">roxburyunityparade@gmail.com</a>/ To be a musical performer in HoodFest email supremeentnow@gmail.com

Thank you to our sponsors for recognizing Roxbury's importance and contributions to the city of Boston. Without your support, Roxbury wouldn't have a parade: Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, Eastern Bank, Boston Cultural Council, ABCD, Tropical Foods, Dudley Cafe, Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, and DeeDee's Cry.

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#### 7th Annual Saturday Walking Club

Family And Friends Living Healthy (FFLH): Walking In The Right Direction

Beginning: Saturday, June 5, 2021 Ending: Saturday, September 25, 2021

Location: Franklin Park Golf Course - Clubhouse

Meet: 9:15AM

Walk Begins: 9:30AM

Walk with Us!
Set your Goals!
Enjoy the Scenery and Connect with others!

#### No Membership Fees!

Contact: Rakiem Strickland, Organizer Email: rstrickland96@yahoo.com

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#### WE ARE GROWING OUR BOARD



Helping under-resourced communities in Greater Boston create resilient green spaces that reflect neighborhood vision











#### Greetings Community Leaders,

We know that you, as a former community partner of COGdesign, are passionate about expanding access to green space in underserved communities. We are seeking to expand and diversify our volunteer Board of Directors to better reflect the communities that we serve. In particular, we are interested in gaining the perspective of the community groups that have worked with us in the past.

If you would like to explore joining the COGdesign board, please complete this short interest <u>form</u>. Feel free to share this volunteer leadership opportunity with anyone else you think might be interested in our mission.

We look forward to beginning a conversation with you.

Warm regards,

Hadley Berkowitz Board Chair

## Opportunity for BIPOC-Owned, Small Businesses - Comcast

Dear Greater Grove Hall Main Streets,

I am reaching out to share information about Comcast's RISE program. Comcast RISE champions Representation, Investment, Strength, and Empowerment for BIPOC-owned, small businesses by providing marketing, technology and capital resources to sustain, support, and rebuild communities in the wake of the pandemic.

Comcast RISE offers the opportunity for BIPOC-owned, small businesses to apply for marketing and technology resources to help grow their businesses and thrive for years to come. Recipients may receive TV media campaigns, creative production of a :30 commercial or advertising consulting services from Effectv, or technology makeovers, including computer equipment, internet, voice and cybersecurity, from Comcast Business Comcast RISE has announced more than 700 recipients of these services since November 2020 from restaurants and barber shops to professional services, childcare centers and retail shops including businesses in the Commonwealth such as Spark FM online, House of Culture of Boston and Little Celebrations of Stoughton.

The application is available at <a href="www.ComcastRISE.com">www.ComcastRISE.com</a> with no near-term deadline, as recipients are selected on an ongoing basis. I have attached some resources to this message that you can share with the businesses that you work with and would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the program or sharing this information.

Best regards,

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#### Building Pathways Building Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Program; Recruiting for September 2021 Class

Building Pathways, a 200+ hour pre-apprenticeship training program designed to prepare qualified applicants for an apprenticeship in the building trades, is recruiting for its September 2021 training cycle.

Through Career Readiness and Occupational Skills Training, with classroom and handson learning experiences, Building Pathways provides participants with the knowledge and skills they need to apply for and enter a state-registered union Building Trades apprenticeship program. Participants also receive coordinated case management and placement services to help them achieve their career goals.

In order to be eligible for Building Pathways, applicants must be a resident of Suffolk, Norfolk or Middlesex counties, be at least 18 years of age, be authorized to work in the US, have a valid driver's license, and a high school diploma or equivalency. They must also have *no* prior building trades union affiliation either as an apprentice or journeyworker.

To apply, candidates must first attend an Information Session to learn more about career opportunities in the construction industry and the Building Pathways program, and to obtain an application. *Due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, Information Sessions will be held virtually until further notice. Registration for Information Sessions is at https://buildingpathwaysboston.org/2021/04/building-pathways-cycle-information-sessions/.* 

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