



The ABCD's of the St. Mark's Area



Access

The SMAMS district enjoys great accessibility: Dorchester Avenue is the “Main Street” of Dorchester and a major route for local traffic and South Shore commuters. The district is served by the Ashmont/Peabody Square and Shawmut subway stations, the historic Mattapan Trolley line, and many bus routes, accommodating 17,000 riders each day. We are also close to the Southeast Expressway/I-93.

Beauty

The St. Mark's Area boasts some of the most beautiful architecture in Boston — from graceful Victorian homes to the stunning “wing” roof of the new Ashmont Station to the bold Carruth Building, which blends vintage and modern styling and hosts a wide variety of businesses and residences. The district also includes the Peabody Square Park, a beautiful “pocket park” hosting the historic Peabody Square Clock.

Community

Our neighborhood is truly a community. Five active civic associations plus SMAMS share this stretch of Dorchester Ave., all contributing to the vitality of our businesses and the surrounding residential neighborhoods. Yard sales, a farmers' market, cleanup days, and pumpkin carving parties are just a few examples of neighborhood involvement. And this commitment includes patronizing our local businesses!

Dollars & Demographics

SMAMS can provide demographic reports, free of charge, for any commercial property in the district.

About SMAMS

St. Mark's Area Main Street began in 1998 as an informal group of local residents and businesses who knew it was time to develop our neighborhood's rich potential. In 1999 SMAMS was designated as a member of the Boston Main Streets network, founded by Mayor Tom Menino and an internationally acclaimed model for urban economic development. With strong support from Boston Main Streets, SMAMS offers:

- » Assistance on zoning and licensing issues
- » Referrals to free/low-cost sources of business advice
- » Design and financial assistance for storefront renovations
- » Promotion of our businesses and district

For more information on the district and available commercial spaces, please contact us at 617-825-3846 or office@smams.org. We're not real estate brokers, and we don't charge a fee. We look forward to working with you!

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