

Nominees for Dudley Greenhouse Advisory Committee

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Wendy Bivens

Greetings! My name is Wendy Bivens and I live in Roxbury. I have been a grower in the Winthrop Street Garden for 8 years, and I've valued the knowledge, wisdom and support of the Dudley Greenhouse community. I cherish this community space and am seeking the opportunity to serve as a steward. I am committed to strengthening the foundations of the organization, deepening community involvement, and exploring ways to expand our resources.



Michelle Cook

I am honored for the nomination to be part of the Dudley Greenhouse Advisory Committee. To be considered to be on the Advisory board is a great opportunity. Being part of the Dudley Greenhouse Advisory Committee allows me to work with other community members who are engaged in the Greenhouse along with the ability to communicate more effectively with the residents that utilize the greenhouse along with those who may be interested.

I am a lover of gardening & biking as well as an advocate for nutrition and health. Being able to use my skills as well as learn from others is something that I strive to do. As a long life resident of Roxbury, now living in Dorchester, I'm a strong believer in investing in the community that you live in. Being able to do this as part of the Dudley Greenhouse Advisory Committee will be ideal and I'm looking forward to it.



Lee Farrow

Lee G. Farrow, is a resident of Roxbury, and a board member and avid gardener at The Edward Cooper Community Garden. Lee is Director of the Center for Nonprofit Management and part-time faculty at Stonehill College. She teaches Developing Fundraising Leadership, Community Organizing and Social Movements, and, The Role of Not-For-Profits in America. She also teaches at the Carsey School at UNH Durham. Lee is one of the original co-founders of the Harlem Children's Zone in NYC and a long-time friend, and advocate of DSNI's work. Lee includes DSNI's work as "best practices" in community development in her classes.



Lanise Frazier-Colon

My name is Lanise Frazier-Colon I am a, Community Organizer, Healer, Grower, and Artist living in Uphams Corner area. I believe the land belongs to the people, I believe we have the right to dream, and demand how this land should serve us and how we should serve it.

I have been the facilitator of the Dudley greenhouse for the past year, where I have introduced new ways of holding each other accountable, sharing values, and dealing with conflict in a healing centered way. I hope to continue to serve the Dudley Greenhouse for the upcoming year, so I can continue to build community, to make space for resilience, and most importantly to find new ways to have the power of land and food bring community together.



Fulani Haynes

Most people would move to Florida or the Bahamas and pull out a rocking chair after retiring from a 30 year career as a Registered Nurse, not Fulani Haynes. She has successfully created many community based cultural and artistic programs that continue to contribute positively in the Roxbury and Dorchester neighborhoods of Boston.

Ms. Fulani's accomplishments range from community support programs, musical endeavors, public speaking, theatrical performances, public health and supportive nutritional mentoring, organic gardening and cooking, to hosting live events, radio programs and community dinners.

Fulani loves gardening and is a grower/ member of The Dudley Greenhouse.



Curdina Hill

My name is Curdina Hill, I've lived in Boston over thirty years. I have been actively gardening since I joined the Winthrop Community Gardens on Winthrop Street in Roxbury two years ago. During that time I have received assistance and support from Vernelle Jordan who is member of the Dudley GAC. She has been a wonderful resource person and gardening educator. As a new gardener I want to serve on this committee to bring the voice of community people like myself into spreading knowledge about growing and eating nutritious food. Further to ensure that Greenhouse policies and resources continue to engage and educate community people on how to produce healthy food.



Dorothy Johnson

I am humbly submitting my name to become a member of the GAC. I currently live in the Uphams corner area and have been part of the greenhouse for four+ years. During this time, I have do my part in helping with the upkeep of the facility (cleaning, watering, etc) , assisting with the annual fundraiser, Jazz Under Glass, sharing my harvest with neighbors and friends and sharing information about the greenhouse to others.

At this point I feel a need to be a more active participant in the greenhouse goals and future. By becoming a member of the committee will allow me to be able to do just that.

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Fannie Johnson

I was born and raised and educated in the South End. I sit on the Volunteer Lawyer's Project, and I have a vested interest in the South End and Lower Roxbury. I think urban gardening is important, in terms of making people aware of resources for the community, people being healthy, people making healthier lifestyle choices. And as a VLP board member, I am comfortable with the process of being on boards, with doing the research about an issue and making a collective decision, as well as bringing forth my individual ideas also.



Vernell Jordan

As an active member of the Dudley Greenhouse Committee and Greenhouse grower, I am solidly committed to the work that will help to make the DGH a community led space that is grounded in principles that address inequities and promote community empowerment.

I have been deeply involved in supporting, and initiating ways for community members to be included in DGH work, activities, and decision making that help to remove some of the barriers to their participation and I would value being part of a team of serious activist/advisors.

NP/Co-op committee work: Dorchester Food Coop, DSNI, CEW, UFI, Artist Organizations, other

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Sadiki Kambon

This communication is meant to serve as confirmation of my interest in being a candidate to serve of the Dudley Greenhouse Advisory Committee. Urban farming is a critical component for our community in moving forward and I would like to be a part of that important advocacy.

Sadiki Kambon, Director
Black Community Information Center Inc.
Facilitator, Nubian Square Coalition



Chavella Lee

The Greenhouse is an amazing asset to our community. It can be used to cultivate and replenish our community, as well as our tummies. It's important that we foster intergenerational connections here and I would love to be a part of facilitating those relationships. I was a Youth Development Specialist at The Food Project and I currently am the Youth Coordinator for Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition. I enjoy soaking in my elder's knowledge and empowering the youth around me.



Vanessa Martinez

A woman's greatest accomplishment is planting that seed. Becoming a mother has been the most rewarding experience in life. I am forever grateful, and also so grateful for this space we can share, work on together and feed our community with. What we put in our belly is essential to our growth and health. I'm sure my daughter will love to join and garden with me as she grows. It's fundamental to know what we put in our bodies, so this is very important to me. Thank you to everyone! This will help me nourish my child.



Jasmine Mays

Jasmine Mays was raised in Boston and realized at a young age that the close-knit loving extended family she grew up with did not exist everywhere. When she became a parent, now with four wonderful children, she sought to engage by firstly building as a home school parent for her children. From there, she began gardening with her children and including locals in small projects and learning sessions in the city. Jasmine became a certified Master Urban Gardner through the trustees. Went on to working as a horticulturalist and grower in both her own backyard, local community gardens and the Dudley street Greenhouse. In every step she takes Jasmine now utilizes her lived experiences and leadership, her love of urban farming and connection to nature, her patience and hope gathered from her Islamic faith, to Grow the Change for our people.



Allentza Michel

Allentza Michel is a Boston native and locally-based urban planner and artist with over 16 years of diverse experience across community & economic development, education, food security, public health and transportation. Her background in community organizing, public policy, non-profit organizational development, participatory action research and youth work inform her current work in civic design and community development. Allentza has a long history with the Food Project, beginning as a volunteer in high school, a participant in trainings and workshops, a participant in a Food Project-led young adult cadre, a partner through the community organizations she has worked for, and as a collaborator with former staff.



Robin Saunders

Dorchester resident for 23 years with husband and two teenage children.

Self employed Personal Assistant, Errand Runner and Petsitter.

Loves sharing food, recipes and greenhouse grown greens and vegetables with family and friends.

Favorite veggie grown in the Dudley Greenhouse: swiss chard!