

Medical marijuana dispensary proposed

Neighborhood associations consider Albany Street location

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Wellesley based Natural Health-care Inc. filed an application of intent with the Mass. Department of Public Health (DPH) in June 2015 for a cer-



Bob Minnocci at January 12 South End Forum meeting. Photo by Michele Maniscalco

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App-Driven Wine Store Wins Approval

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On January 14, the Boston Licensing Board today granted a package-store license to Wine Riot for its Web 3.0-enabled wine store at 519 Tremont Street.

The board accepted arguments from Tyler Balliet and Morgan First that there was a public need for a shop

that caters to users who want to help drive their inventory through app-driven reviews and histories of their own drinking habits, coupled with an emphasis on wine education.

The board rejected arguments from older South End residents and Mayor Walsh that that was just the wrong location for yet another wine store and that Tyler Balliet and Morgan First should look to set up shop in some

other area, like Newbury Street or Fort Point.

Although the two say they will focus on wine, the new license, if approved by the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, will let them sell other types of alcohol. However, they did agree to a license restriction not to sell nips, pints or single bottles of beer.

The Theresa Show honors late artist, funds scholarship

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Approximately 100 artists and community members came together at United South End Settlements Harriet Tubman Gallery on Friday, January 15 to honor the life and work of the late fiber artist and Piano Factory resident



Photos courtesy of United South End Settlements

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Service to Justice

St. Stephens
MLK action at
Blackstone School

BY SARAH O'CONNOR

On Monday January 18, in celebration of the Martin Luther King Day holiday, over 200 people from thirty organizations gathered at the Blackstone Innovation School for the Sixth Annual MLK Day of Action.

This day was organized collab-

oratively by St. Stephen's Youth Programs, the Blackstone Innovation School, City Year, the Massachusetts Service Alliance, and the B-PEACE for Jorge Campaign. Volunteers from the South End community, numerous AmeriCorps groups, and churches and other faith institutions from across greater Boston spent the day brightening hallways with colorful paint, organizing the school library (which is run by St. Stephen's and staffed by partner

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St. Stephen's 6th annual MLK Day of Action. Photo courtesy of St. Stephen's

South End Political Forum

January 26th
7:00PM at the
Calderwood
Pavilion

The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association presents an evening with Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, State Representatives Aaron Michlewitz and Byron Rushing and Boston City Councilor Bill Linehan at the Calderwood

Pavilion located at 527 Tremont. The forum will give constituents an opportunity to hear from our elected officials regarding legislative updates, plans for economic development, education, safety in our neighborhood ending with a Q & A.

If you have any questions you would like to submit to be addressed at the forum, please email us here info@ellisneighborhood.org, <http://www.ellisneighborhood.org/>

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Marijuana

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tificate to operate a medical marijuana dispensary. Natural Healthcare listed Stephen Barber as its chief executive officer and provided a certificate of incorporation in Massachusetts dated June 2015 in its application. Natural Healthcare spoke to the Old Dover Neighborhood Association about its proposal in December and the Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association (B/FSNA) at its January 19 meeting.

John Connelly of the Old Dover Neighborhood Association said that Old Dover heard a proposal from Natural Healthcare at their December meeting. Connelly said, "We decided to

defer any decision or substantive conversation in the interest of time and to let more people know about it." B/FSNA president Eric Huang had this to say via e-mail ahead of the Tuesday, January 19 meeting, which was to take place just after press time for this newspaper. "I have not heard much specific feedback on the proposal, but there is clearly general reluctance to introduce a new service into an area that is already oversaturated with services and drug abuse issues. Also, we just learned about the proposal at the South End Forum meeting last Tuesday and only received presentation material last night, which I distributed to our mailing list today, so people

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BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

My Yorkshire terrier, Riblet, is a dog of open adoption. This means my neighbor across the street who gave us Riblet a year ago when she couldn't handle him, believes it's perfectly acceptable to come over and collect him for overnight stays. I really don't mind all that much but she's starting to come later and later in the evenings. This does bother me. Riblet always comes back to us a little crazier than when he left, which makes me worry whether this back-and-forth situation is good for him. He recently bit the man who installed our kitchen tile and he's growling more than usual. What can I do to help the situation?

—Laura

Dear Laura,

Stop the spur-of-the-moment overnight visits. Riblet needs the security of one home. Your neighbor gave him up. This means, she abandoned responsibility. Now, you're the owner and set the visiting rules. Overnight stays should be limited to once a month if at all. Make sure you tell her Riblet chomped the tile installer. Dog fear always produces aggressive behavior such as biting. Little Riblet is wary and weary.

Small dogs' cuteness doesn't mean they should be coddled or indulged. Look in any shelter and the small dogs are usually the most vicious. Do whatever you can not to pick up Riblet and carry him like a toy. He's not.

Dear Dog Lady,

Dog walkers talking on cell phones drive me nutty. These yakkers ignore their dogs, other people and even traffic lights. The other day, a woman talking on her cell phone remained oblivious as her dog slipped out of its collar and nearly ran out into a busy street. If a posse of pedestrians, including myself, I hadn't grabbed the dog by the scruff of its neck and hauled it back from the brink, the poor animal might have been killed. Even then, the woman kept talking on her phone until I yelled, "Get off the damned phone, lady!" She put the collar back on the dog and scurried off. I've also seen people on phones ignore their dogs when the animals deposit waste on the sidewalks. Can you please advise all dog walkers not to talk on cell phones? There should be a law.

—Stephen

Dear Stephen,

Distracted people on cell phones are indeed a menace — in cars or with canines. Taking the dog for a walk is no excuse to talk or text. Such multi-tasking is grossly unfair to the dog, but, obviously, cell addicts don't get it. Dog Lady has seen cell-talkers commit any number of offenses — from leaving poop behind to ignoring dogs tangled in leashes. Dog Lady wishes she could wave a wand and make people stop. Alas, they will have to figure it out on their own.

Dear Dog Lady,

Over the holidays, when we were desperate for kid-friendly movies we saw "Marley and Me" on Netflix. Despite the family-friendliness, I cried at the end for all the dogs I've loved and lost. Why is it we only appreciate our dogs after they die and not when they're alive, chewing our stuff, throwing up on the rug, forcing us to take them out for walks?

—Brad

Dear Brad,

Many people love their dogs despite all the inconveniences. Dogs are the comic relief in life. They light up lives. They absorb human tensions. Dogs distract us from bigger problems.

"Marley and Me" (2009) does not seem dated because the book and the movie tell a simple story about a married couple who get a dog. The owners never train the animal responsibly so the dog rampages riotously through their lives chewing and running and getting into mischief until the end when Marley becomes sick and dies, leaving much love and many tears behind. Although Dog Lady believed in the over-arching theme of the movie — and the bestselling book — she never warned to the story of a naughty dog made worse by human disregard.

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—Lynda

Dear Lynda,

Conscientious people like you could save the planet. Yes, there is more you could do — although simply making the responsible effort to pick up after your dog is pretty good.

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Go to www.askdoglady.com to read chapters from "Book of Shorty: A Little White Dog Leads Me Home" on the new blog.

News From...

Old Dover Neighborhood Association

Call for Board Nominations

Old Dover Neighborhood Association is 100% volunteer-based, and in need of neighborhood residents to get involved with the organization.

There are several open positions on the Board, and depending on the response received, we anticipate holding elections of the 2016 neighborhood board of directors at the next meeting on February 2.

To run for a position, simply send an email to info@olddover.org. You will receive a response from a current board member, who will be available to answer any questions.

If you would like to do more than just attend and read about neighborhood issues, please consider joining the Old Dover board or a committee. There is much to do, and

additional hands will lighten the load.

Submit your nomination to join the Board of Old Dover, by emailing info@olddover.org. (Please do so as soon as possible, and by Jan. 27.)

To vote or run for the board, you must be a current member of Old Dover. See below for membership information. Thank you!

Next Meeting of the Old Dover Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, February 2, 6:30 pm
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Only current Old Dover members may vote. See below for link to membership online.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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National Development

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Notice of Project Change (NPC) describes National Development's proposal to convert the originally proposed 73 rental apartments known as 5 Ink to the Siena Condominium, consisting of 76 home ownership condominium units. In December 2013, the BRA Board approved an NPC to divide the previously approved 156 residential units in Building Four at 30-36 Traveler Street into two buildings: 83 condominium units in 4 Ink, to be known as "Sepia, the Condos at Ink Block" and in a future phase, 73 rental units in 5 Ink. This new building, the last of 5 to be constructed at Ink Block, will be located at 40 Traveler Street in the South End.

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church volunteers), building classroom storage space, and creating educational materials for lessons. A team also reclaimed the greenhouse from cacti that have been growing for more than four decades, creating areas for desert and temperate flora and preparing for spring science projects.

State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz was there with her staff team. They worked with teens from St. Stephen's Youth Programs and Hidri Boston, an Eritrean youth group, to paint four murals of heroes with Puerto Rican heritage, including Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and independence movement leader Dr. Ramon Betances.

These murals will be displayed in the Blackstone School entrance area to inspire students toward similar greatness. Senator Chang-Diaz said that being part of this Day of Action was an opportunity to live out King-like values by "praying with our feet."

During a community conversation to draw meaning from the day, participants reflected on the day's theme of moving from service to justice. Adults and teens spoke about applying lessons from their work and discussed this quote by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive, and that love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice

at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love. And this is what we must see as we move on."

One teen shared her thoughts on why this Day of Action mattered: "[W]hen we all work together to make my school better, I see that my school matters to other people. I see that I matter to other people."

For more information about how you can build relationships with young people at the Blackstone Innovation School and in the South End, please contact Maureen Burns, St. Stephen's Youth Programs' School and Community Organizer at maureen@ststephensbos.org.



St. Stephen's 6th annual MLK Day of Action. Photo courtesy of St. Stephen's



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Comcast City Year Career Day

Comcast Career Day, a day-long session of professional development workshops for City Year Boston's 265 AmeriCorps members was held on Friday, January 8. More than 60 Comcast and NBCUniversal employees provided career advice and practiced interview skills with City Year corps members to help them transition to the next step in their professional journey.

City Year Boston corps members serve in 21 Boston Public Schools, providing support to students in attendance, behavior and coursework to keep them on track to graduate ready for college and career success.

The same day, Boston-based City Year and Comcast announced a three-year partnership renewal agreement valued at \$11.2 million in cash and in-kind support. Additionally, City Year named Comcast NBCUniversal a National Strategic Partner, the highest sponsorship level afforded to a corporate sponsor. The multi-million dollar agreement supports various national and local events, conferences, leadership development, and Comcast NBCUniversal's ongoing City Year team sponsorship. Comcast NBCUniversal sponsors teams in 11 cities across the U.S., including Boston.



Maya Atakilti, a City Year Boston AmeriCorps member serving at the Blackstone Elementary School in the South End.

Marijuana

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likely have not had the opportunity yet to form a position. I think residents are looking forward to meeting with the applicants this evening and hearing from them directly about their proposal before forming an opinion."

The Bob Minnoci, a Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association board member who was chairman of a task force on the 2013 application to open a dispensary on Southampton Street by Green Heart, a California-based medical marijuana dispensary operator, to open a dispensary at 70 Southampton Street. Green Heart ultimately failed to win state approval. "WSANA vehemently opposed it. Councilors Wu, Baker and Tito Jackson were all on our side and wrote letters opposing this location given all that is already going on in the neighborhood. We don't need tons of marijuana out there that could easily be misused. Speaking for myself, I can't imagine under any circumstances WSANA supporting a location anywhere in the South End. I am go-

ing to urge all other neighborhood associations to vehemently oppose any kind of placement like that." Minnoci added that the Mayor's Office told him that a permit had been issued for the one Suffolk County dispensary permit to be located on Milk Street. Earlier in the South End Forum meeting during a discussion of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program's proposed site at Mass. Ave. and Albany Street for drug users to be supervised while on a heroin high, WSANA president George Stergios referred to the Worcester Square area addiction-services nexus as "Methadone Mile". Fox said that the South End Forum has not taken a position on the dispensary application as yet, but raised the idea of the Forum "codifying" a position against any additional drug-treatment services "unless it has been thoroughly vetted and approved by the appropriate authorities. Fox pointed out that although Mayor Walsh may be opposed to more than one medical marijuana dispensary in the city, it is the state's authority to issue the licenses and to set the number of licenses issued. Fox suggested adding the issue to the March South End Forum meeting agenda.

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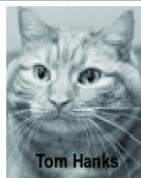
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Theresa

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joy a multi-media exhibit by local artists and to support the Theresa-India Young Ethnic Weaving Scholarship at Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MCAD). Guests nibbled appetizers and sweets accompanied by beer and wine and soft drinks courtesy of local businesses including Huntington Wine and Spirits, Foodie's Urban Market and Whole Foods while browsing the

Theresa-India Young, to en-

work and listening to music and presentations emceed by local art promoter and educator Jacqueline L. McRath. The Theresa Show will continue at the gallery at 566 Columbus Avenue through February 29.

Attendees included E. Barry Gaither, director of the National Center of Afro-American Artists; Susan Collings, executive director of the Art Connection; and Ann Wessmann, Chair of the Fibers Department at MCAD as well as friends and Piano Factory neighbors of India Young including McRath; Dorothea Guild; artists David Mynott,

Thom Donovan and Veronique-Anne Epiter were in attendance. Artist Lloyd R. Williams donated an acrylic painting of the CITGO sign and posed with the proud winner, Maria Ward. Epiter, a vocalist and music educator as well as a visual artist, read poetry and sang a selection to honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

At press time, the total raised through the silent auction stood at over \$1,100 and will continue through February 29. Purchasers may also buy on the spot by paying market value plus ten per cent for each desired piece. Fifty per cent of the

proceeds from The Theresa show will go directly to the scholarship fund and the other 50 per cent will go to the artists. The Theresa-India Young Ethnic Weaving Scholarship was established in 2013, and 2015 winner Sarah Peloquin has five pieces on exhibit in this year's Theresa Show.

Those who wish to support the Theresa-India Young Ethnic Weaving Scholarship may also make a tax exempt donation to the Cross Cultural Collaborative, 45 Auburn Street, Brookline, MA 02146.



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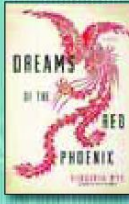
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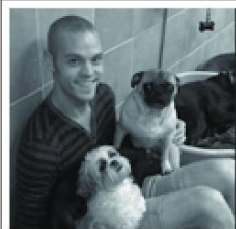
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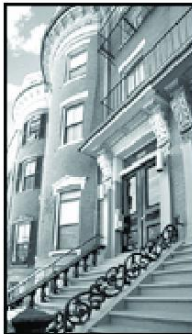
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