

Friday nights of art and music come to Roslindale

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What started as unofficial gatherings will officially be christened First Fridays next week, when Roslindale's Olde Towne Real Estate teams with Jazz in the Square to offer a night of artistic and musical enlightenment.

At 6 p.m. on March 4, Olde Towne, at 18 Corinth Street, will open its doors to an exhibition of local artist Janice Williams' mixed-media creations. Technically, it's a private party, but invitations will be extended to everyone who asks, said Matt Morad, owner of Olde Towne.

"We hope that this will become a monthly event," he said. "Where people come out to celebrate Roslindale's diverse culture."

Olde Towne is new in Roslindale, and Morad conceived of the event to help publicize his business.

"We're a new company here," he said, "but we're trying to give back to the community and become part of the community."

He quickly realized that what's good for him could be great for other businesses as well. Solera wine store will be offering free

tastings at the exhibition, and Morad hopes to get a restaurant involved soon and possibly expand the exhibitions to other businesses in Roslindale Square.

First Fridays will get local businesses and residents mixing in a friendly, inviting way, Morad hopes.

Even better, people who attend the art exhibition will get \$2 off the \$10 tickets to the jazz performance at Roslindale Congregational Church, 25 Cummins Hwy.