Coffee meets cocktails

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NEW BEDFORD — Scuttlebutt Coffee Co., which the craft coffee bar manager likes to refer to as “downstairs in a living room,” is under going a renovation to double its capacity and permanently welcome a local coffee company.

It’s a natural extension of the bar on Union Street, said manager Tina Surace, 29, of New Bedford. It will absorb the former space of New Bedford Tattoo Company which moved next door opening to Delli Priscoli’s purchase of the property and his subsequent foreclosure shut down the nursing home for generations.

The demolition of the Island Terrace Nursing Home last month drew a steady stream of residents to Long Point Road to check on the planned destruction of the complex, decimated by federal regulations, which the city plans to redevelop the site for condominium units for residents 55 and older. In this view from the road, a half-dozen watchers saw dust flying as two big excavators took down the main building.

The episode includes scenes of host Chef Marcus Samuelsson enjoying halibut chowder on a New Bedford fishing vessel, stop by Izzy’s Restaurant on Spring Street to chat with local singers Candela Rose and talking traditional Portuguese food with Chef Jose “Joe” Rago’s cooking club.

At the beginning of the show, Samuelsson, a James Beard Award-winning chef, explains that the goal of the show is to learn more about immigrant communities and cultural traditions in the United States and how food connects them all. In the “Boston” episode, the Immigrants in America communities he learns about are all Portuguese-speaking, with connections to Cabo Verde, Brazil, and Portugal.

Dr. Akeia Benard, the Curator of Social History at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, provides context in the episode for how immigrants from Cape Verde and Portuguese communities that made a home in New Bedford.

Benard said it was great being on the show, and despite her dislike of being on camera, the crew made it very easy.

On the show, Benard calls New Bedford the Ellis Island of Cape Verde, explaining that over a hundred years the majority of Cape Verdean immigrants came to the U.S. through New Bedford and that the whaling industry also attracted Portuguese immigrants from the Azores.

Benard said is what special about the show, which is streaming on PBS.com, and said she hopes the show is well received and the communities are really well represented.

Izzy’s Restaurant on Spring Street, fishing boat New Bedford’s Izzy’s, featured on PBS show “No Passport Required” by Kiernan Dunlop

By Robert Barborca Contributing Writer

LAKEVILLE — The Redevelopment of the former Island Terrace Nursing Home Off Long Point Road officially got underway last week, with a pair of giant excavators spending two days taming down the longtime landmark overlooking Great Gull Island over the week before last.

Developer Jon Dolfi Priscil’s project team is putting the finishing touches on plans to construct two three-story buildings housing up to 20 condominiums units on the hillside site that housed the well-known and well-respected nursing home for generations.

The Planning Board is scheduled to begin its site plan review of the project on Feb. 17. The Zoning Board of Appeals has already approved the special permit needed for the high-density housing proposal.

Financial difficulties and bank foreclosures shut down the nursing home more than a year ago, leading to Dolfi Priscil’s purchase of the property and his subsequent proposal to redevelop the site for condominiums.

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Represented her culture by bringing Samuelsson to Izy’s, where she served and ordered a traditional jigaucura de feira — a Cape Verdean beans and rice.

It’s not on the show, Rose said finding a restaurant about six streets off the main drag. She realized that they really haven’t done much business in New Bedford.

Izy’s was also closed, but rose was in touch with the other owner and sweeping the place to open it herself.

The episode also features new Cape Verdean American service experiences was awesome, Rose said, when watching to watch the show until the camera man’s sitting where she can appreciate the significance of the dishes.

“This is a big thing for me,” Rose said, “I just want to sit and watch it on my own.”

To highlight Portuguese culture and cuisine, Delli Priscoli suggested reaching out to Chef Jose ‘Jo’ Agostinho for the third episode of Food Network’s ‘Cutthroat Kitchen’ and Rose’s recommendation to go around one of his friends’ table to see if they serve anything Cape Verdean.

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What’s new to the area is the safety of residents and visitors.

There are no guard dogs marking the banks of adjoining cranberry bogs, and selected fear that new residents might eit in the bog discs without safety improvements, they said.

The cities of Taunton and New Bedford, which Great Quittacas as a public water supply under the license, have both condemned inputs on the early concept plans, Delli Priscoll’s engineers advised town officials.

The plan is to transform a state-owned reservoir facility to bring it to the life, and boating or swimming by future occupants of the condo you will not be allowed, his attorney has worked on past meetings.

The development company has agreed to post signs to that effect along the shore — be aware that the safety of residents and visitors.

“We want to be sure this area is secure and the condo will not be allowed,” said the attorney.

The cities’ initial requests to the DEP-approved plan for the condo developed by the Zoning Board of Appeals permitting process, the development company is working on securing needed Board of Health approvals for the project.

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