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Boston Neighborhood Network Purchases New Home

Curtis Henderson, Jr., General Manager

On September 30th, BNN and Urban Edge Development Corporation purchased a building that will enable us to consolidate our facilities, improve our media services to the residents of Boston and provide us with ownership rights and long-term financial stability. For 21 years we have been renting space and looking for a place to call home. Now, we've found it!

BNN has teamed up with Urban Edge, a non-profit development corporation that has worked in the community for more than 30 years, to purchase and renovate the former MBTA PowerStation in Egleston Square. The BNN and Urban Edge team plan to redevelop this historic building into studio and office space to accommodate the full range of media services provided by BNN. When the building is restored, BNN offices and studios will occupy the top two floors, and the street-level space will be developed for commercial use.

"This is a win for everyone involved," said Urban Edge Executive Director Mossik Hacobian. "One of the last vacant buildings in Egleston will be returned to active use, and a Boston institution in local television will have a new, secure home."

Our future home, located at 3025 Washington Street, is at the geographic center of Boston. Here, we will consolidate our two leased locations - the downtown

facility in the Transportation Building and the studio and digital media center in the Roxbury Mall. The Neighborhood Network News will remain at the Boston University School of Communications.

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BNN Board members display 2005 ACM awards. From left to right: DeWayne Lehman, Arthur Singer, Curtis Henderson, Jr., and Glenn Williams

BNN Voted #1 in Country by the Alliance for Community Media

Boston Neighborhood Network won recognition for excellence in community media with four significant national awards. Curtis Henderson, Jr., General Manager said, "What makes these awards special is that they acknowledge the efforts of every BNN member, intern, staff person, and Board member.

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Boston Neighborhood Network

What's new . . .

Transitions

Jeannine Booton

Moving In:

William Murrell— BNN is proud to introduce William Murrell, our new Multimedia Center Coordinator. William has supported and managed Information Technology Systems for more than 20 years. Among his many accomplishments, he has received IBM Business Partner certifications, launched a history magazine online, and operates a slew of websites. BNN looks forward to working with William and know that his constant smile and upbeat personality is sure to make him a hit at BNN!



*William Murrell
Digital Media Coordinator*

Matt Landry— Meet Matt! BNN's new Digital Media Coordinator has arrived! Matt is currently getting a degree in Community Media and Technology at UMass Boston. He is experienced in IT, web software development and has been working in video production and community media for over three years. BNN is excited to have Matt as a key member in our Digital Media team!



*Matt Landry
Digital Media Coordinator*

Rii Kanzaki— Please welcome Rii Kanzaki, BNN's Digital Media Trainer, who has joined our expanding team. Rii has been involved with production since getting her Masters in Visual Arts at the University of CA, San Diego. She has taught video production at Ithaca College, the Bay Area Video Coalition in San Francisco, and is currently teaching at the West Cambridge Youth Center. We are eager for Rii to share her expertise with all of our BNN producers!



*Rii Kanzaki
Digital Media Trainer*

Moving Up:

Alli Shaughnessy— Alli has been BNN's CTCNet VISTA volunteer for the past year doing production work and assisting producers in marketing their programs. We are excited to announce that BNN has been awarded another VISTA grant and Alli will continue to work with us. This year she will help youth from neighborhoods in Boston develop their production skills and begin new programming. Please join us in welcoming Alli for a second year at BNN!



*Alli Shaughnessy
Youth Media Vista*

Moving On

Scott Hillier— BNN bade a sad farewell to our Digital Media Coordinator Scott Hillier in August. Scott made his move to Austin, Texas to pursue a masters degree in film at the University of Texas, Austin. Scott has been an integral part of BNN's MultiMedia team since 2001. He started as a VISTA volunteer working on PSA's and helping members with non-linear editing. Recognizing Scott's natural talent at all things multimedia he became BNN's Digital Media Coordinator in 2004. All of us at BNN wish Scott the best of luck in all of his future endeavors and are patiently waiting for his first Hollywood blockbuster!



*Scott Hillier
Digital Media Coordinator*

Staff

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Curtis Henderson, Jr.

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Jeannine Booton, Office Manager

Darrell Santos, Membership Coordinator

Alli Shaughnessy, VISTA Youth Media Coordinator

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Rii Kanzaki, Digital Media Trainer

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Mobile Production Van

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BNNLive

Bob Lamm, Manager

Cara Crawford, BNNLive Technician

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Lane Bourn, IT Systems Administrator

Dennis Dutra, Technician

NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK NEWS

Christopher Lovett, News Director/Anchor

Rich Rosenthal, Videographer

Adam Boyajy, Administrative Producer

BNN Board Update

The BNN family gathered to say thank you to departing Board member, **Arthur Singer**. Art resigned from the Board in July after serving more than six years, the last two and half years as Board president. Art expressed pride in working to further BNN's mission, "BNN fills a critical gap in giving citizen journalists the opportunity to tell their own stories and make TV."

Art was instrumental in putting BNN in a position to purchase our new home and we will reap the benefits of his hard work in the years to come.

BNN would also like to welcome our newest members to the Board:

Kenan Bigby, Project Manager at Trinity Financial, Inc., **John Dorsey**, Assistant Attorney General, **Scherazade King**, Executive

Director of the non-profit Project: Think Different, and **Lance Kyed**, Operations Manager for Television, Radio, and Film Production at Emerson College.

Please join us in welcoming our new members to the BNN Board.



General Manager Curtis Henderson, Jr. thanks Arthur Singer for his dedication to BNN

BNN Spotlight On...

Fernando Bossa, the charismatic Colombian born producer and host of BNNLive's *Fernando's Hideaway*, says he wants to use BNNLive to showcase "Boston's phenomenal local talent— talent that does not have access to mainstream TV."

Sponsored by the non-profit group, Touchable Stories, Fernando Bossa along with co-host Shirley Cardona, a senior at Harvard University, brings Latin culture to Boston residents every week in this bilingual program with their unique style of interviewing, riveting musical performances and information



*Fernando's Hideaway/El Show de Fernandito
Producer, Director, Host
H. Fernando Bossa and Co-Host
Shirley-Veronica Cardona*

about community events. Fernando not only invites talent into the studio but uses BNN's resources to tape events in the community to share with viewers.

Fernando's Hideaway cablecasts Fridays on BNNLive, Comcast 9/RCN 15, at 6:30pm.

Channel HIGHLIGHTS



Literary Limelights Host Augusta Alban and Co-Host Kermit the Frog

Literary Limelights

"Boston possesses such a wealth of talent. *Literary Limelights'* goal is to introduce these talented people—Boston's authors, poets, playwright, and many more—to our viewers," says producer, Karin Bartow.

Sponsored by the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic organization, *Literary Limelights'* mission is to introduce members of Boston's literary world to their local audience. While promoting Boston's wealth of talent, *Literary Limelights* has become a viewer favorite. *Literary Limelights* celebrated its one year anniversary as part of BNNLive's programming line-up.

Literary Limelights is live Wednesdays at 4:30pm on BNN's News and Information Channel on Comcast 9/RCN 15. Please visit www.bnntv.org for repeat schedule information.

Pathfinders

Pathfinders, is a three-program series produced by Walter Smith and a group of new BNN producers from the Pathfinders Drug Program of Roxbury Comprehensive Health Center, an organization that arranged for BNN to provide a special studio production workshop for their program participants. The success of this joint venture is evident in the group's compelling discussions that offer health information, help and guidance to drug abusers in their struggle to overcome dependency on drugs.

Pathfinders is cablecast on BNN's Community Access Channel on Comcast 23/RCN 83. For schedule times visit www.bnntv.org and click on Programming Schedules.

For information about how BNN can tailor a workshop to your organization's needs, please contact Jim Atwood at 617-720-2113 ext. 23 or jatwood@bnntv.org.

BNN Workshops

Class Descriptions, Schedules and Fees

All classes are open to BNN Access Members on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information and registration contact BNN Membership Coordinator at 617-720-2113 x24 or membership@bnntv.org. Check our website for updates: www.bnntv.org.

Classes take place at: CityPlace (CP), 8 Park Plaza (Massachusetts State Transportation Building), Suite 2240, Boston; BNN Access Studio and Multimedia Center (MMC) at the Mall of Roxbury, corner of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Warren Street in Roxbury.

Orientation to BNN

The first step is Orientation, a free info session where you can learn all about our classes and services before you sign up.

Thursday, January 5, 6:00-8:00pm, MMC

Monday, January 9, 6:00-8:00pm, CP

Monday, February 27, 6:00-8:00pm, CP

Tuesday, March 28, 6:00-8:00pm, MMC

Digital Field Production

A comprehensive workshop leading to Digital Field Producer certification and access to BNN field production and digital editing equipment. This basic level, hands-on video workshop is designed for the beginning field producer and editor. This class is an ideal introduction to all phases of field and digital video production, including basic camera operations, lighting, sound, preproduction planning, scripting, storyboarding, and editing on Final Cut Express. The workshop includes time for working independently on certification projects.

Prerequisites: Orientation and basic computer skills

Fee: \$80

or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8:30pm: Jan 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, Feb 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, Mar 2

Call for more information about these workshops, and more:

Van Producer

Images and Sounds

Intro to Digital Media

Switcher Class

Character Generator Class

Digital Imaging

Intermediate Final Cut Pro



Studio Production Workshop

Students learn how to produce, crew and direct their own TV programs in the Access Studio. This comprehensive thirteen-week course leads to Studio Producer certification. Each student will complete a final certification program. The class includes the use of the cameras, audio equipment, video switcher, lighting and Compix graphics, as well as instruction in producing, directing, hosting, interviewing skills, script writing and media literacy. The workshop concludes with a screening of projects for the class, family and friends.

Prerequisite: Orientation

Fee: \$60

Wed., Jan 11 - April 5, 6:00 - 8:30pm, Access Studio

Screening: TBA

Producing BNN Live Programs

Are you with a non-profit organization or public agency that serves Boston communities? Are you looking for a powerful and cost-effective way to communicate your programs, services and information to people who need them? If so BNNLive is for you! Come and learn what it takes to produce a BNNLive program, including how to apply for a time slot, how to make programs, costs and policies regulating the channel. You will get a tour of the studio and control room and chance to practice at being a BNNLive host.

Prerequisites: None

Fee: \$50, to be refunded if a new BNNLive program results.

Register for ONE of the following Friday afternoons from 1:30-5:30pm at CityPlace: Jan 16, Feb 17 or Mar 24

Van Crew

Learn to use BNN's Mobile Production Van, a mobile three-camera studio that members can use to cover large indoor and outdoor events. This one session class will go over all aspects of van production, including set-up, alignment, production and breakdown. Students will actually set up and do a mock production that will give them ample hands-on time with all the equipment and lots of opportunities to ask questions. Students who complete the class will be certified as 'Van Crew' and can operate any van crew position except switcher or character generator.

Prerequisite: Studio Production **Fee:** \$25 TBA

Welcome to Our New Members

Melanee Addison ♦ Ellen A Ahern ♦ Kendra Al-Kaleem ♦ Abdulrahman Alshami ♦ Silvino Andrade
Tome B Andrade ♦ Zoe Arguello ♦ Linda K Brooke ♦ Albert Broussard ♦ Aisha Browder ♦ Charlene Brown
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Maya-Dionne Furey ♦ Jaqueline Gambarini ♦ Eveline R Garrett ♦ Erik Gehring ♦ Celia Grant ♦ Babi A Guerrant
Oscar Guevara ♦ Fernando M Guimaraes ♦ Frank III Harris ♦ Jared Harrison
Deborah B Higginbottom ♦ Larry Higginbottom ♦ George Holman ♦ Chad Hunter-Johnson ♦ Bassey Ifioke
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Elise Sutherland ♦ Carneal CJ Taylor ♦ Jerry Telisma ♦ Kwadwo Thompson ♦ Charles Warwick ♦ Lauren A Wholly
Asia Williams ♦ Deepika Wimalasiri ♦ Jesse A Woghriren ♦ Elijah Wood ♦ Jeff Worthy
Cheryl Wright ♦ Riche Zamor

New Member Organizations

- ♦ Boston Chinatown Residents Association
 - ♦ Harvard School of Public Health
 - ♦ Judge Baker's Childrens Center
- ♦ Massachusetts Animal Rights Coalition (M.A.R.C.)
 - ♦ Osiris Group
 - ♦ Touchable Stories

Thanks to Our Interns

Pamela Bechtold ♦ Jessica Fine ♦ Jessica Hitch
Micah Howard ♦ Evans Jean
Aduwne Kelley ♦ Chinh Le ♦ David Lee
Ryan Miller ♦ Kerry O'Brien
Shurita D. Parson ♦ Chris Rivers ♦ Molly Shugrue
Kerwin Tang ♦ Randy Wurster



BNNLive Intern Chinh Le

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We would like to give special thanks to Viktoriya Taran and Robin Hoyt, who worked as BNNLive Studio Technicians this summer. We appreciate all of their hard work and expertise, helping Bob Lamm run the BNNLive studio!
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Sneak Peek...

Be on the lookout for a brand new workshop this February called Creating Music for Video. You will learn the ins and outs of digital audio music production. The workshop will be taught by noted Boston musician Rollins Ross.

Call Darrell Santos at 617-720-2113 ext. 24 to register! Check out www.bnntv.org for this and other workshop announcements and updates!

New Home

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The move to the former MBTA PowerStation is expected to save BNN more than \$200,000 in rent and duplicated costs associated with operating two locations in the first several years. The new location will allow for increased hours of access to the facility, include state-of-the-art technology and studio space, provide greater access to public transportation and free parking, and give BNN additional resources and visibility to more directly bridge the digital divide.

It has taken more than three years of hard work from many people to make this venture a reality. We plan to begin construction early next year with a targeted opening date in the spring of 2007.

We are very excited about this opportunity and want to thank all those who helped make it happen - community, Board of Directors, Urban Edge, and BNN staff. We will be calling on all of you for assistance and support as we move in to the next phase of the project.

BNN Wins Grant from the Boston Public Health Commission

BNN is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC). The funds will support a public service campaign designed to promote public awareness of health disparities among people of color in the city of Boston and will highlight efforts underway to eliminate those disparities. The campaign will run through the fall of 2006 and will feature several elements to reach BNN viewers including public service announcements and a talk show. BNN will implement the campaign in collaboration with Kelley Chunn & Associates, a Boston-based multicultural and cause-related marketing consultancy.

PSA Day: Get Your Message Out!

Get the word out about your non-profit organization! Sign up for our next PSA Day on January 18, 2006. This valuable service allows you to produce affordable public service announcements (PSAs) for frequent plays on two cable channels reaching over 162,000 households in the Boston area.

For details, please call Alli Shaughnessy at (617)720-2113 ext 11. For more information about BNN services, training and programming, visit www.bnntv.org.

BNN Voted #1

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These programs are not solo achievements by any means. Each one represents the work of many individuals who contributed to their success.”

BNN took first place in four categories at the Alliance for Community Media’s (ACM) 2005 Hometown Video Festival held in July in California. The ACM is a national organization whose mission is “to advance democratic ideals by ensuring that people have access to electronic media and by promoting effective communication through community uses of media.”

Out of nearly 1500 entries from around the country, BNN won in the following categories: **Overall Excellence in Public Access** (for the third time in ten years!); **Cultural & International Perspectives; Educational Class Project; and Empowerment.**

Winning programs include:

-*Hubscapec*, created by BNNLive Manager Bob Lamm in partnership with historian/host Tod Forman, is the product of BNN’s internship program. *Hubscapec* is a series of history lessons that really hit home—each segment reveals a bit of Boston’s past!

-*Early Works* is a weekly program that contains the first-time productions of BNN members that they create during their basic Studio and Digital Field production workshops. New producers are given complete creative control and so each *Early Works* segment takes on its own personality. Check it out Tuesdays at 7pm on Comcast 23/RCN 83!

-*The People’s Platform*, which premiered on BNN in July 2004 to coincide with the Democratic National Convention, provided a first amendment forum for Boston residents to take a stand about issues that were important to them. Eleven Bostonians stepped up to share their perspectives with viewers across the City.

THIS SUMMER, Boston teens didn't JUST WATCH TV, they MADE IT!

This July, BNN offered another successful Teen TV Summer Workshop. Eleven Boston teens, 13-17 years old, took classes and gained hands-on experience in television and digital media production. For the first time, we structured the classes so that participants could spend the day at BNN, taking a class in Studio Production with Tiffany Hill in the morning, and learning about Digital Field Production with Scott Hillier in the afternoon.

The young people learned many technical skills involved with video production and developed teamwork and planning skills in the process of producing five group projects.

Field productions:

MLK Blvd. highlights summer activities along Martin Luther King Blvd.
E.M.S. tours a local Emergency Medical Services facility.

Studio productions:

Terrific Travel provides tips on planning affordable family vacations.
Teens in Motion gives advice for avoiding weight problems.
Financial Planning for the Future outlines how to develop healthy financial habits.



Instructor Scott Hillier (center) assists Teen TV students Darren Laforest and Carlton Njoku

We received funding support through a grant from the 2005 Summer Sizzle Time Warner Summer Youth Media Grant Program. The fund allowed us to offer scholarships for all or part of the workshop fees for many participants.

Our thanks to Time Warner and congratulations to the teens who participated! We look forward to working with them further as we develop a youth media club and regular series produced by youth from around the city. Stay tuned for details!



Winter 2006 BNN FACILITY OPERATING HOURS

DAY	ACCESS STUDIO PRODUCTION HOURS	EDITING HOURS MULTIMEDIA CTR NON-LINEAR SUITE	FIELD EQUIPMENT/ SCHEDULING HOURS	VIDEOTAPE PICK-UP CABLECAST OFFICE	EDITING HOURS CITYPLACE	MULTIMEDIA CENTER OPEN ACCESS HOURS
Mon.	4 - 8:30pm	3 - 8:30pm	5:30 - 8:30pm MMC	3 - 9:30pm	10am - 10pm	3 - 8pm
Tue.	4 - 8:30pm	3 - 8:30pm	5:30 - 9:30pm CP	3 - 9:30pm	10am - 10pm	3 - 8pm
Wed.	4 - 8:30pm	3 - 8:30pm	5:30 - 8:30pm MMC	3 - 9:30pm	10am - 10pm	3 - 8pm
Thu.	4 - 8:30pm	3 - 8:30pm	5:30 - 9:30pm CP	3 - 9:30pm	10am - 10pm	3 - 8pm
Fri.	4 - 8:30pm	3 - 8pm	4:30 - 7:30pm CP	3 - 7:30pm	12pm - 8pm	3 - 8pm
Sat.	10am - 5pm	10am - 3pm	10:30am - 1:30pm MMC	-	-	10am - 3pm
Sun.	-	-	11:30am - 3:30pm CP	-	11am - 7pm	-
Contact	617-442-5807 x16 or x11	617-442-5807 x12	617-442-5807 x12	617-720-2113 x18	617-720-2113 x21	617-442-5807 X15

Hours may vary on holidays and holiday weekends. Some scheduled hours may be pre-empted for workshops or other special events. Please call ahead for confirmation.

BNN's Mission

For over 20 years BNN has worked toward fulfilling its mission to use cable television's unique capabilities and other technology to address unmet communications needs of individuals and institutions in Boston by:

- ◆ Giving a more **direct voice** to and fostering understanding among various neighborhoods, groups and points of view.
- ◆ Expanding the diversity and variety of **information** on local topics addressing the specific needs of targeted populations.
- ◆ Increasing the **access** for residents to educational, cultural, political, health and human resources of the City.
- ◆ Strengthening the ability of all institutions to serve Boston's diverse residents by providing a mechanism through which they can effectively share their **resources** with the community.
- ◆ Providing overall local television programs and **opportunities** not available on other television venues in Boston.

A WIN-WIN PROPOSITION

We can help you develop your skills.

You can help BNN serve the community.

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