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### Operating in Greater Boston store in Oak Square

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A retail store that plans to sell gourmet food and fine wines, spirits, a expects to open in Oak Square by early September, according to the owner.

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applying for city projects and licenses. Some commercial centers use the city's plan to sell alcohol.

"Our response was: No, we don't need more liquor stores. There's one on every corner in Boston," Barakat said. "But, we do need more traditional neighborhood stores that help build the character of long-gone local neighborhoods. People have a lot of different tastes."

His said his family also owns an independent grocery business in Boston. Barakat said it has purchased several stores well, but many are still struggling in the area. He said he would appreciate any help in the area. He said he would appreciate any help in the area.

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