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VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES SALE OF PROPERTY TO BALLYHOO HOSPITALITY FOR FUTURE DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT

March 7, 2023 – The Village Board of Trustees on Tuesday approved the sale of property at 1739 Glenview Road in Downtown Glenview to Ballyhoo Hospitality, which will facilitate the construction of a new restaurant in the Downtown District.

Ballyhoo Hospitality currently owns and operates restaurants throughout Chicago and the North Shore, including the Wilmette and Lake Forest Sophia Steak locations, Pomeroy in Winnetka, and Buck Russell's and Pizza by Sal in Wilmette.

The new restaurant will be located at one of the “spark sites” identified for future development when the Village adopted its Downtown Strategic Plan in August 2021, which followed a 10-month Glenview Connect process to gather resident feedback on future economic development in the community.

The Village began redevelopment of the spark site with the purchase of the vacant Scot Cleaners property on the 1700 block of Glenview Road in February 2022. Demolition began over the winter, and the Village later acquired a small lot and secured two licenses to the south of the site to facilitate construction of a reconfigured parking lot that will serve the new restaurant and other area businesses.

“The revitalization of Downtown Glenview has been a passion project for us on the Board,” Village President Mike Jenny said. “We’re thrilled to welcome Ballyhoo to Glenview, and even more excited to check off yet another item from the wishlist we collected from residents in 2021. We heard loud and clear the desire for a new movie theater and additional Downtown dining, and I’m proud we’ve been able to do both within 18 months of adopting the Economic Development Strategic Plan.”

As part of the agreement to sell the 6,000-square-foot parcel, the Village is providing Ballyhoo a \$1.75 million economic development grant to help fund construction and a \$2.25 million loan to be paid back over 15 years. Ballyhoo is expected to open a sit-down restaurant of similar caliber to those currently in its portfolio throughout the area.

“Glenview and Ballyhoo Hospitality are a natural fit because we are both dedicated to the community and providing another place for residents of Glenview and surrounding neighborhoods to gather and dine,” said Ryan O’Donnell, Founder and CEO of Ballyhoo Hospitality. “As evidenced by our portfolio of restaurants in Chicago and the northern suburbs, Ballyhoo is committed to providing feel-good dining for our guests and we are excited to be part of the new additions to Downtown Glenview.”

About Ballyhoo Hospitality

Ballyhoo Hospitality is the destination for feel-good dining. Founded by longtime hospitality industry veterans Ryan and Anna O’Donnell, Ballyhoo delivers the restaurant experience that guests crave. By pairing inspired menus with a unique ambiance, Ballyhoo focuses on all things quality - from the meals to the atmosphere and, above all, the service. Ballyhoo is behind neighborhood favorites throughout Chicago and the North Shore, including Gemini, Coda di Volpe, Old Pueblo Cantina, Sophia Steak, Pomeroy, Buck Russell’s, and Pizza by Sal. For more information, visit ballyhoohospitality.com and follow @ballyhoo.hospitality on Instagram and Facebook.

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