

Chef Art Pour to run food service at Twinsburg golf course

By **SUE REID**

While many restaurants are struggling amidst the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Chef Art Pour Restaurant Group, which runs 15 Burntwood Taverns, sees it as a time of opportunity, Bret Adams said Tuesday.

To that end, the restaurant group will be taking over the food and beverage service at Aaron & Moses at the Gleneagles Golf Club in Twinsburg.

The newly renovated banquet facility and restaurant will open next week with a patio overlooking the 18th hole of the public golf course.

Mr. Adams, a resident of Moreland Hills who founded the restaurant group which also includes M Italian in Chagrin Falls and Leo's in Cuyahoga Falls, said that the city of Twinsburg reached out to his group to see if they would

be interested in taking the restaurant over.

"It took about five minutes to get super excited about it," Mr. Adams said. "Even though it's a little left of center in our wheelhouse, I have over 10 years of hotel and banquet experience and we have assembled a really great crew to do what we do."

Like in their other communities where their restaurants are located, the restaurant group will be involved in the Twinsburg community and school system. The city of Twinsburg owns and runs the golf portion of the operation, and Chef Art Pour will lease the space to provide the food and beverages.

There will be nightly happy hours, similar to all his other restaurants, and the menu is defined as "whimsical," Mr. Adams said.

"It's a little bit of a Burntwood feel with a twist," he said. "We took advantage of the

opportunity to have a clean slate where we are not doing this times 15 restaurants across three states."

At Aaron & Moses, chefs are having fun with the menu and such items as hot dogs, cheese steaks, salads and tuna Poke bowls, among other unique offerings.

"We have the autonomy to do what we want, and we are taking advantage of it," Mr. Adams said. "It is a side project for us."

In addition to this opportunity, Mr. Adams said plans are to open eight to 10 more restaurants moving forward.

"We are looking to grow both Leo's and Burntwood at an accelerated pace," Mr. Adams said. "We certainly feel blessed."

The new restaurants that are on the books either in lease negotiations or under construction are in Ohio, North Carolina, Florida and

Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Adams said since the reopening of his restaurants amidst the pandemic, they have been patient, assertive and restructured their overall model to become more efficient.

"We have also done a good job with trying to keep up with the sanitation and making sure guests are safe," he said.

The community of Solon, where he opened his third Burntwood restaurant on Solon Road about eight years ago, as well as the communities where his other restaurants are located, have been fantastic and supportive through the pandemic, Mr. Adams said.

"We feel bad for restaurants that have closed but we feel grateful, especially in Ohio, that guests have supported us," he added. "We will never take advantage of that, but always be appreciative."

Police briefs

\$4,000 worth of equipment stolen

On Aug. 27, a 61-year-old Dayton man reported theft at the Drury Inn and Suites at 4100 Orange Place Drive. He said that a \$3,000 Lincoln generator/welder and a \$1,000 portable torch set were removed from his vehicle, according to the report. Surveillance camera footage shows four males loitering near the truck but it is unclear if they were involved in the theft, the Orange police report states.

Items stolen from locksmith

On Aug. 28, Orange police responded to Extended Stay North at 3625 Orange Place Drive for a theft report. A 24-year-old man said that he is a locksmith and his business equipment was stolen from his car, which was valued at \$4,000, according to the report.

Man accused of disorderly conduct

On Aug. 28, a custodian at Pinecrest flagged down an Orange police officer to inform him that a man urinated on the wall of the parking garage. Lawrence Smith, 58, of South Euclid said that he did so because he did not know where the bathroom was, according to the report. He was cited for disorderly conduct and was banned from Pinecrest for life, the report states. Mr. Smith has a Bedford Municipal Court date on Sept. 11.

Man charged with domestic violence

On Aug. 29, a 50-year-old Shaker Heights woman advised Woodmere police that she was just involved in a domestic violence incident at Extended Stay North, 3625 Orange Place Drive. She said that she and her husband, a 52-year-old man of Columbus, got into a fight about Facebook friends, according to the Orange police report. It turned into a physical altercation and he choked her and blocked the door of the hotel room, the report states. Police said that the woman left the room and drove northbound on Orange Place then approached Woodmere police. The husband denied the allegations and said that he ran away from her, according to the report. He was arrested for domestic violence and unlawful restraint and was transported to the Bedford jail, the report states.

Plans percolating for coffee shop on Station Street

By **SUE REID**

A locally owned coffee shop soon will be opening in Solon.

City officials approved the site plan last week for Heritage Coffee, 33445 Station St. in the former location of a barbershop. The new shop is a vision of city resident Saevar Thordarson.

This will be the first and only location of the shop, Mr. Thordarson explained.

"I believe in the Solon economy," he continued of his reasons to open shop in the city. He and his wife Christina have three children in the school system, "and we want to be a larger part of the community and be able to give back to the community that has given us so much."

Plans are to open the approximately 1,600-square-foot shop in November. A patio with bike racks are planned for the spring. Mr. Thordarson is putting about \$50,000 in exterior improvements.

The shop will offer all locally sourced products, including Duck Rabbit Coffee out of Cleveland's Ohio City. Loose leaf tea, pastries, bagels, protein packs and kombucha drinks will be offered as well, Mr. Thordarson explained.

"We plan to put bike racks outside so people can come in and enjoy a hot or cold drink and snack," he said.

Mr. Thordarson, who has worked in manufacturing for the past 16 years and currently is a quality manager for a manufacturing facility in Cleveland, has always aspired to be an entrepreneur. "Coffee is something I'm very passionate about," he said. "I have had mediocre coffee at best (when going out) and Heritage will have the finest coffee."

It is also important to offer a place to come and relax, he said.

The interior of the building will be gutted and the rebuild will include wood, leather and metal, he said, all of which can be easily sanitized.

"We are meeting and exceeding all of the

[COVID-19] requirements, he said.

There will be seating inside for roughly 35 people, and additional seating will come with the patio construction.

Mayor Edward H. Kraus lauded the plan, stating that having a local coffee shop is "tremendous."

"Nothing against the national chains, but it is nice to have local restaurants and coffee shops and things of that nature," Mayor Kraus said. "It gives it a nice community feel."

Mayor Kraus said this location is great because it is an area targeted for redevelopment in the future.

"This is the one area we want to start to access walking and biking and be able to connect to the various areas," he said.

Heritage Coffee will be located in the strip center next to the U.S. Postal Service office.

"When you open a coffee shop, you want people to be able to bike and walk there," Mayor Kraus said.

5 STEPS TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19



1. STAY HEALTHY

Take vitamins, eat well balanced meals, exercise and get enough sleep.



2. CLEAN OFTEN

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