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Walla Walla Steak Co. & Crossbuck Brewing Unveiled as Anchor Restaurants at MainStreet Property Group's 'The Schoolhouse District' Project in Downtown Woodinville

MainStreet Property Group Announces That the Award-Winning Steakhouse and Taproom Will Expand Pacific Northwest Presence with Two Floors of New Restaurant, Bar and Event/Entertainment Space in Woodinville's Historic Schoolhouse No. 23 Building as Part of the All-New 'The Schoolhouse District' Development

Transformative 'The Schoolhouse District' Project Also Features Additional Retail Space Now Available In 'Wine Walk Row' And Other Anchor Corner Retail Spaces, Along with 30,000 SF of Public Outdoor Space, 261 Residential Units, Expanded New Carol Edwards Center YMCA and 400 Parking Stalls Including 170 Available for Public Use; Project Slated to Open Throughout 2021

Woodinville, Wash., January 18, 2021 – MainStreet Property Group LLC (www.msppgroupllc.com), a full-service Kirkland-based real estate developer, along with partner HAL Real Estate (www.halrealestate.com), today announced that Walla Walla Steak Co. and Crossbuck Brewing have leased the entire newly-restored historic Schoolhouse No.23 building as part of The Schoolhouse District, a new mixed-use community project coming to Downtown Woodinville (www.theschoolhousedistrict.com). The two connected restaurant concepts will be part of the Revelers Club loyalty program associated with iconic dining and lodging locations within the Puget Sound area and beyond.

Originally built in 1909, Woodinville's historic Schoolhouse No. 23 has stood empty for more than a decade and is being revitalized and restored by MainStreet Property Group. The five-acre Schoolhouse District project, which includes an adaptive reuse of the Schoolhouse Building, provides a first-of-its kind

destination experience with modern architecture standing side-by-side with a restored and repurposed building. An interactive map of the entire project can be found [here](#).

“Since beginning the transformative Schoolhouse District project, we’ve been looking for the perfect anchor restaurant to promote a neighborhood feel while celebrating the historic Schoolhouse No. 23,” said MainStreet Property Group President Kelly Price. “Led by a team of hospitality veterans and Pacific Northwest residents with deep local roots, we could not be more excited to welcome Walla Walla Steak Co. and Crossbuck Brewing as anchor tenants. I think this team will be a fabulous compliment to the rest of the project and enjoy great success, as well. I am thrilled for everyone involved and the community of Woodinville.”

“Walla Walla Steak Co. and Crossbuck Brewing turned a historic train depot in Walla Walla into a destination dining/bar establishment while creating a welcoming atmosphere for locals and visitors to gather,” continued Price. “We know they will execute the same inviting setting within the Schoolhouse District—paying tribute to an authentic and iconic beloved piece of Woodinville’s history, while providing the utmost service in a vibrant setting both inside the Schoolhouse and within the surrounding outside spaces.”

“Saving and restoring the old Woodinville School has been a nearly 20-year effort by those championing this vision and we couldn’t be more excited to see this iconic and beloved piece of Woodinville’s community now coming to a new life. These new leases are the type of local dining opportunities we hoped for and believe will be well-received by the community. We’re proud of the partnership we have with MainStreet and HAL and look forward to the project continuing to reach these exciting public milestones,” said Brandon Buchanan, City of Woodinville City Manager.

Woodinville is a First Expansion Site for Walla Walla Steak Co. & Crossbuck Brewing

As a locally-owned and deeply-rooted hometown steakhouse featuring award-winning food, wine and beers served with warm and welcoming style, the new Walla Walla Steak Co. at The Schoolhouse District will pay tribute to classic steakhouse dishes. Featuring certified USDA Prime and Choice Angus beef from a family-owned ranch Co-op, the menu will include locally-sourced steakhouse classics such as the favorite Hatchet Steak for Two, a 34-ounce bone-in prime ribeye, as well as tableside preparations including Bananas Foster.

Named one of *Wine Enthusiast’s* “[America’s 100 Best Wine Restaurants 2019](#)”, Walla Walla Steak Co. will also offer twenty wines by the glass along with an extensive local and regional list including many Woodinville and Washington State favorites.

The Crossbuck Brewing taproom will feature a casual menu while serving a variety of award-winning beers on-tap that are crafted utilizing the bounty of Washington State and locally-sourced ingredients whenever possible. Award-winning beer offerings at Crossbuck will include the NoPac IPA ([Silver-Medal Winner in the 2019 Great American Beer Festival Awards](#)), the Switcher Kölsch, the Hazy Schmazzy, and the seasonal Lavender Wit (award-winner in the [Washington Brewers Festival 2019](#)).

“We look forward to becoming part of the future of Woodinville when we open our new location in the old Woodinville Schoolhouse project in 2022. The space has the same great historic character as our first location and is perfectly set-up to repeat the successful double concept found in Walla Walla with the steakhouse on one side and the more casual taproom on the other,” said Dan Thiessen, managing partner, Walla Walla Steak Co. and Crossbuck Brewing. “The similarities are striking between Woodinville and Walla Walla, not only in the building where we will create our second home, but in the warmth and spirit of the community itself. We can’t wait to be a part of it.”

Slated to open in the first quarter of 2022, Walla Walla Steak Co. and Crossbuck Brewing will occupy two floors of the historic Schoolhouse No. 23 building. Each floor is approximately 6,500 sq. ft and will also include an expansive 1,000 sq. ft. outdoor patio that blends into the project’s common areas.

As two unique new spaces united by warm hospitality and menus rooted in the agricultural bounty of Washington state, the new location will create a warm and welcoming presence with a very similar feel to the original Walla Walla space that highlights the history of the building and adds vibrancy while celebrating the historic structure—including its exposed brick and rustic wood interiors and salvaged elements from the Schoolhouse. The restaurant will be centered around an open kitchen that features a live-fire grill. The second floor will provide the perfect place for groups to gather for wine tasting dinners, team celebrations and other events.

The Woodinville location of the Walla Walla Steak Co. and Crossbuck Brewing will also provide another place for Fire & Vine Hospitality’s Revelers Club members to earn and redeem rewards and experience the professional, personalized and relaxed style of service provided at the Walla Walla location.

History Reimagined: The Schoolhouse District Comes Back to Life

Together with the City of Woodinville, MainStreet and HAL began construction on the long-awaited transformative project ‘The Schoolhouse District’ in the heart of downtown Woodinville in summer 2019. Adjacent to the downtown soccer fields and City Hall, the Schoolhouse District will provide a first-of-its kind destination experience with modern architecture standing side-by-side with restored, historic buildings, and includes the following:

- **Schoolhouse No. 23 Building:** Restored schoolhouse (including extensive brick/window restorations) as a historic landmark building through coordination with the King County Landmarks Committee, with the steakhouse and brewery occupying two floors, each approximately 6,500 sq. ft., of retail space.
- **Wine Walk Row:** Up to 11 wine tasting spaces in the ground-floor of the project’s two multi-family buildings, as well as a larger retail / restaurant space of approximately 3,200 sq. ft. The ‘Wine Walk Row’ spaces, which are now available for lease, include individual roll-up doors and ample room for outdoor seating / gathering.
- **Additional Retail Space:** Featuring light-filled, oversized windows facing NE 175th St. and high-ceilings ideal for a coffee shop or small business, the 3,400 sq. ft retail space across from the Schoolhouse No. 23 Building is now available for lease as well, and also features space for outdoor seating.

- **Residential:** Creation of 261 multi-family residential homes across two buildings. Pre-leasing will begin this summer, with the building slated to open in the fall.
- **Recreation:** Renovation of 8,000 sq. ft. of the existing Carol Edwards Center YMCA, as well as the addition of 8,500 sq. ft. of childcare space, accommodating up to 120 children.
- **Open Space and Festival Street:** Addition of approximately 30,000 sq. ft. of public open space including a Festival Street promenade that will be used for City events such as a farmer’s market. This area will also include outdoor dining and seating, a chalkboard wall and game areas, an outdoor movie wall, public art and field-viewing spaces.
- **Underground Parking:** The project will also include 400 stalls of underground parking, with 170 stalls available for public use.

GenCap is the project general contractor and Insite Property Solutions is managing residential leasing.

For more information about available commercial space at the Schoolhouse District, interested parties can contact Angela Oliveri at First Western Properties by email (aoliveri@fwp-inc.com) or phone (206-853-1330) or visit www.theschoolhousedistrict.com.

About MainStreet Property Group. MainStreet Property Group and its family of companies develops, constructs and operates remarkable residential communities and commercial spaces with the goal of delighting our customers. To do this, MainStreet encourages innovation and creativity to foster unique perspective that emphasize thoughtful, environmentally-friendly approaches. As a leading Puget Sound developer with a focus on the Eastside, MainStreet has been a meaningful leader in the revitalization efforts of downtown Bothell, Kenmore, Redmond and Sammamish, and has completed multifamily projects across the Eastside region. In addition to MainStreet Property Group, the MainStreet family of companies includes GenCap Construction Corp., a commercial general contractor (www.gencapconstruction.com) and Insite Property Solutions LLC, a property management company (www.insiteps.com). You can learn more about MainStreet Property Group LLC at: www.msppgroupllc.com.

About HAL Real Estate (www.halrealestate.com). HAL Real Estate Inc. is a Seattle-based real estate investment firm focused on direct and joint-venture investment opportunities across the Greater Puget Sound region. HAL has deep experience in acquisition, development and recapitalization of apartment, condominium, office, and mixed-use properties. The firm also invests in raw land, industrial and retail properties. HAL has the financial resources of a large institutional investor, but operates with the speed and flexibility of a local private investor using its own capital.

About Walla Walla Steak Co. and Crossbuck Brewing

Walla Walla Steak Co. and Crossbuck Brewing are led by a team of hospitality industry veterans and Walla Walla residents with deep local roots including Dan Thiessen, Paul MacKay and Philip Christofides. Walla Walla Steak Co. was featured in Wine Enthusiast magazine’s 2019 America’s Best 100 Wine Restaurants. Both properties are part of Fire & Vine Hospitality’s loyalty program, the Revelers Club, managed and supported by Fire & Vine Hospitality. The Revelers Club is designed to reward and honor guest’s loyalty and provide benefits at each Revelers Club property. Free to join, the Revelers Club shares birthday and anniversary gifts at each level of the program and members receive points for every dollar spent which may be redeemed at member restaurants. Fire & Vine Hospitality’s iconic Pacific Northwest restaurants and hotels include El Gaucho Seattle, Bellevue, Tacoma, Portland and Vancouver, WA opening in 2021; AQUA by El Gaucho; Eritage Resort, and Aperlume, located steps from Pike Place Market.

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