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Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill Opens May 25 in Hilliard

Longstanding Ohio Business Celebrates First Columbus Location

Columbus, Ohio—May 23, 2016. Wednesday, May 25, at 11 am, the Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill Restaurant will open its doors to the public for the first time. A family-owned business since 1965, Beer Barrel offers casual dining with scratch-made Italian specialties.

The Hilliard location marks the first Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill in the Columbus area. The franchise, started by Ohio Restaurateur John Heaphy in 1965, comes to Central Ohio following successful openings across Lima, St. Mary's, and Findlay. John's son Tony Heaphy has lead the expansion as Advanced Projects Manager, and he has taken ownership of the location opening.

"It's long been our family dream to bring Beer Barrel to Central Ohio. We're thrilled to be coming to Columbus at last and joining such a great community of businesses and food enthusiasts," the younger Heaphy says.

His father John Heaphy adds: "I'm so proud that we uphold the term 'family restaurant' through more than just our promotions, because it truly is a family run affair. Seeing the work that Tony and all of my children have put into the expansion is just as important to me as a father as a restaurant owner."

Through June 2, the restaurant will offer dine-in service only, though Beer Barrel does offer the ability to place carry out orders online.

"By offering dine in only, we wanted to give Hilliard area customers a sample of what Beer Barrel is all about and familiarize the incoming staff with local patrons. It really is a warm and inviting atmosphere and we hope patrons will take advantage," Tony says.

Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill offers family friendly service and a casual dining



experience, while still providing Heaphy family recipes cooked from scratch. Specialties not only include pizza and Italian classics, but a variety of entrees such as pastas, barbeque, and American comfort favorites. The bar menu is extensive and boasts signature cocktails and more than 11 craft beers on tap.

In 2004, Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill became a part of Good Food Hospitality Management, an Ohio company founded and owned by longtime restaurant entrepreneur John Heaphy and his wife Aimee. In addition to Beer Barrel, Good Food Hospitality Management owns two other popular restaurant concepts: Happy Daz, a fast-casual diner with six locations in west central Ohio; and Old City Prime, a fine dining American steakhouse in downtown Lima.

Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill, Columbus Location

2500 Roberts Court

Columbus, OH 43026

Grand Opening: Wednesday, May 25: Dine-in only May 25 through June 1

About Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill

An Ohio business for over fifty years, Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill has long been a gathering place for friends and family. A warm and generous spirit, great food, a welcoming atmosphere, and a sense of community define who they are and what they do. While their original Beer Barrel style pizza has been loved since 1965, we are now known equally as well for their full menu featuring made-from-scratch family recipes, signature appetizers, always-anticipated seasonal specials, and special brand of hospitality all served up in unique dining rooms and bar areas. Featuring custom hickory furniture, wood-burning fireplaces, and plenty of space to accommodate large groups, Beer Barrel restaurants are just as perfect for dinner with the family as they are for grabbing a drink with friends! Each year Good Food Hospitality Group supports a range of causes with in-kind donations and, through their foundation, Happy Daz Charities, supports social services organizations with an emphasis on hunger relief in the communities we serve.

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