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EVEN MORE BUSINESSES FLOCK TO MUELLER'S ALDRICH STREET DISTRICT

Restaurants Chuy's, Hopdoddy, Honest Mary's, Plus Boardroom Styling Lounge, Modern Animal Coming Soon

AMLI to Break Ground on New 650-Unit Community This Summer

AUSTIN, Texas – May 3, 2023 – The mixed-use, mixed-income <u>Mueller</u> community announced today that it is welcoming another set of fan-favorite food and wellness destinations to the vibrant and family-friendly <u>Aldrich Street</u> district. Joining an established mix of local businesses along Aldrich Street, the five new businesses will soon include restaurants Chuy's, Hopdoddy Burger Bar and Honest Mary's, plus Boardroom Styling Lounge and Modern Animal veterinary services.

The three new dining options will expand the 700-acre Mueller's collection to 50 diverse eateries, and come on the heels of <u>Veracruz Fonda & Bar</u>'s and <u>sweetgreen's</u> successful openings and a recent announcement of new businesses like <u>Aviator Pizza</u>, <u>Dish Society</u> and <u>Nautical Bowls</u>.

Established in Austin in 1982, <u>Chuy's</u> offers a unique dining experience, including fresh, made-fromscratch Tex-Mex recipes in a fun, eclectic atmosphere. The new Mueller location will be Chuy's seventh in the Austin-area following its Cedar Park opening in 2017. The restaurant, known for fan favorites, such as Creamy Jalapeño, Chicka-Chicka-Boom-Boom Enchiladas and Chuy's Famous Big As Yo' Face Burritos, will feature a full bar and indoor/outdoor seating at the corner of Aldrich and Philomena streets. Chuy's anticipates opening by early 2024, if not sooner.

Another popular local institution, <u>Hopdoddy Burger Bar</u>, will join Mueller's Aldrich Street by early 2024. Hopdoddy uses sustainable and responsibly sourced ingredients, such as regenerative, 100% grass-fed beef and bison and cage-free chicken to create unique burgers on one of three different house-based buns or as a bowl or on a bed of fresh house greens. The menu also caters to a variety of diets with a vegetarian black bean and corn patty, a 100% plant-based patty, as well as a dedicated gluten-free menu. The restaurant also features varieties of fried chicken, hand-cut fries tossed in innovative toppings, Brussel sprouts, salads, milkshakes and more. A full-service bar will offer boozy drinks, locally craft beers, margaritas and draft cocktails.

For those looking for something more fast-casual, locally owned <u>Honest Mary's</u> will also join the ranks along the ground floor of AMLI Branch Park for quick and health-friendly dining. Mueller Aldrich Street will become Honest Mary's fourth Austin location when it is expected to open early 2024. The restaurant will provide convenient access to healthy and delicious bowls to those on the east side of the city. Patrons can select signature bowls, such as the *Smoky Poblano Bowl* or *Aloha Poke Bowl*, choose from seasonal offerings like the *Mediterranean Harissa Bowl*, or build their own bowl with fresh, scratch-made ingredients, toppings and sauces. Beyond new eateries, <u>Boardroom Styling Lounge</u> will soon open its second Austin location when it joins Aldrich Street's Alpha Building later this year to provide men's styling and grooming services. Transforming men's styling for nearly two decades, The Boardroom Experience is a step beyond the typical barber experience with services that include professional haircuts, beard trims, neck shaves and more. All of this is in a relaxing environment giving guys the chance to grab a beer, have a seat and enjoy the experience with extra touches like scalp massages, pressure point facials, hand massages and paraffin wax hand dips.

Founded in 2022 in California, <u>Modern Animal</u> is expanding into Mueller in early 2024. The Mueller location will be a general practice veterinary clinic that will offer a full range of services, including primary and preventative care, surgery, dentistry and virtual care for adult dogs and cats, as well as puppies and kittens, using the most advanced diagnostic tools. Modern Animal provides a human-centric approach to animal welfare. CEO Steven Eidelman noted that improving the experience of accessing care as a client and delivering care as a provider ensures the animals receive the best care, when and where they need it.

"We're thrilled to be able to bring so many more restaurant and service choices to Central East Austin, especially at a time when the retail sector is still recovering from a pandemic and inflation challenges," said Sergio Negrete, vice president of development for <u>Catellus</u>, Mueller's master developer. "These recent restaurants and service provider additions are destinations not only for the approximately 14,000 people who already live in Mueller and 11,000 people who work in Mueller, but also for the tens of thousands who live and work around the community."

In other Mueller news, Catellus has announced <u>AMLI Residential</u> will build a new multifamily community designed by Lake | Flato in partnership with O'Brien Architects in the heart of Mueller, bordered by Aldrich, Robert Browning, Mueller and Philomena roads. The seven-story community will provide approximately 10,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space along Aldrich Street and 650 for-rent residences, of which 15 percent of the residences, or 98 units, will be set aside for households that earn up to 60 percent of the Austin area's median family income (MFI).

In addition to these new businesses, a number of projects are fueling Aldrich Street's momentum:

- AMLI is leasing its "<u>Branch Park</u>" multifamily community that includes 406 residences and is under construction on its next community, AMLI North Park, which will include 326 residences;
- <u>Austin Modern Lofts</u> constructing two mixed-use project with condominiums, townhomes and retail space on Mueller's north and south sides;
- <u>Ryan Companies</u> is constructing a 345-unit multifamily community adjacent to the former airport's iconic control tower structure, which is bound by Berkman, Sorin, Vaughan and McCurdy streets;
- <u>Parkside</u>, a 200-unit residential condo project by <u>Pearlstone Partners</u> is underway, and will also include ground-floor commercial and other retail space;
- <u>Shorenstein</u> is constructing the Bravo Building along Mueller Blvd., which will complete the new offices for Teachers Retirement System of Texas; and,
- <u>Austin ISD</u> is completing an 800-student middle school for northeast Austin to open in August 2023.
- A variety of homebuilders, including CalAtlantic Homes, David Weekley Homes, Empire Communities, the Muskin Company and Wes Peoples Homes, are constructing a total of 371 homes.

Anchored by <u>Alamo Drafthouse</u>, the <u>Thinkery</u> children's museum and two beautiful parks (Mueller Lake Park and Branch Park), Aldrich Street has become a year-round destination for Central Texans interested in enjoying the local and outdoor vibes that make Austin so popular, and who want to bring their families or meet up with friends to enjoy the running trails in the parks with whimsical public art, local restaurants, shops and services. **About Mueller:** <u>Mueller</u> is one of the nation's most notable mixed-income, mixed-use communities located in the heart of Austin. The 700-acre site of Austin's former airport is being transformed into a diverse, sustainable, compatible, revitalizing and fiscally responsible master-planned community. Mueller is a joint project between the City of Austin <u>Economic Development Department</u> and <u>Catellus Development</u>. Upon completion, Mueller will feature approximately 6,900 single-family and multifamily homes (including more than 1,725 affordable homes), a mixed-use town center district known as Aldrich Street, 5.4 million square feet of prime commercial space, including nearly 750,000 square feet of local and regional retail space, 140 acres of public parks and open space, plus Dell Children's Medical Center, the Austin Film Studios, The Thinkery Children's Museum, H-E-B Grocer and the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center. Learn more on Facebook and Instagram.

About Catellus: <u>Catellus</u> is a national leader in mixed-use development, solving some of America's most complex land challenges. With nearly 30 years of experience as a master developer, Catellus has transformed former airports, military bases and urban industrial sites into thriving retail, residential and commercial communities. These projects, which often include substantial public amenities, add economic, social and environmental value to the communities they serve. Catellus has both the financial strength and development expertise to turn vision into reality at even the most demanding development sites.

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<u>Department</u> influences revenue generation through its programs and investments in order to secure economic mobility for our residents and promote a competitive, sustainable, vibrant and equitable economy for all. With a focus on regenerating key assets of the city, the Redevelopment Division has implemented catalyst redevelopment projects, including the Seaholm District, Second Street Retail District, and the Mueller Redevelopment, an award-winning national model for responsible urban planning and development.

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