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**FAMED RESTAURATEUR BUZZY O'KEEFFE TO OPEN
NEW RESTAURANT IN HAVERSTRAW BY SUMMER OF 2009**

Restaurant, banquet facility part of Harbors at Haverstraw master-planned community

VALHALLA, N.Y. (Aug. 30) – Buzzy O’Keeffe, one of the most famous restaurateurs of his generation, is on schedule to open a beautiful new restaurant on the waterfront in Haverstraw, N.Y., by the summer of 2009, according to Ginsburg Development Companies, the designated developer of the site.

O’Keeffe’s new restaurant and catering facility will occupy a peninsula overlooking the Hudson River at the northern end of The Harbors at Haverstraw, a master-planned community being built by GDC, one of the Northeast’s leading luxury home builders. O’Keeffe’s New American restaurant will highlight the growing number of popular Haverstraw eateries such as Gallitos, Soup Stone Café, Bricktown Brewery and Civile’s Venice on the Hudson, which attract diners from throughout the region.

“Haverstraw is fast becoming known as a place to visit for a great meal out, and having a legendary restaurateur like Buzzy O’Keeffe open a restaurant there will help establish Haverstraw as a major culinary destination,” said Martin Ginsburg, GDC’s founder and principal. “Buzzy’s new restaurant promises to be one of the best in the nation and will help put Haverstraw on the culinary map. From a simple, quick meal to the best in fine dining and catering, Haverstraw will have it all.”

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O’Keeffe, who is known for helping to launch the careers of some of America’s top chefs, promises that “Haverstraw will be a showcase for the best food of the Hudson Valley.”

The restaurateur’s plans call for a relatively small restaurant on one side of the building, with quiet rooms seating about 80 guests and bridges across a stream leading to an outside seasonal dining area. On the other side of the building, in its own distinct space, will be a banquet facility capable of accommodating up to 300 people, said Ed Weinstein, principal of Edward M. Weinstein Architecture & Planning, P.C., the architects designing O’Keeffe’s new restaurant. The two-story facility (three levels if you include the rooftop garden and greenhouse) probably will have a separate kosher kitchen.

“It’s going to be an elegant, yet warm and welcoming restaurant,” said Weinstein. “We want to be open in time for the celebrations during the summer of 2009 marking the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson’s journey up the river. There will be a lot happening along the river that summer and we want to be part of it.”

Michael “Buzzy” O’Keeffe is the owner of The Water Club, The River Café and Pershing Square, three of New York City’s most respected restaurants. Following in their footsteps, the new eatery in Haverstraw will feature the New American cuisine O’Keeffe helped pioneer 30 years ago.

The new restaurant (which has not been named yet) will have a special emphasis on seasonal Hudson Valley produce, meat and fish. Some of the produce even will be grown on a “farmette” and in greenhouses that are expected to be built as part of the facility. Herbs will be cultivated in the property’s gardens.

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“We are using green materials and sustainable approaches whenever we can to minimize our carbon footprint,” said Weinstein. Solar panels will provide some of the building’s electricity and part of the rooftop will be used as garden space, an increasingly popular design approach that reduces energy costs and helps lower greenhouse gases.

The building will have a contemporary design with large expanses of glass, an undulating roof and bold colors. The banquet facility will have a dramatic, curved glass curtain wall with views of the water and gardens. Lush gardens with trellises, water features and views of the river will surround O’Keeffe’s building, which will have separate outside dining areas for the restaurant and banquets. A dock will serve water taxis and customers’ boats.

The Harbors is a master-planned community with a mix of townhouses and condo flats in a pedestrian-friendly setting that has won national and regional awards for its design and site planning. When it is completed, The Harbors will have nearly 850 homes served by two clubhouse complexes with pools, fitness centers, social rooms and small general stores selling sundries and food. Prices start in the \$200,000s for well-appointed condo flats and in the \$500,000s for the two- and three-bedroom townhouses.

The Harbors has received a number of prestigious awards. The National Association of Home Builders gave The Harbors seven 2006 “Nationals” awards, including national citations for Best Master-Planned Community, Best Landscape Design for an Attached Community, and Best Sales Environment. The Harbors also received a “Best of American Living” award from the NAHB for the Best Community Recreation Building or Clubhouse.

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