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MUELLER COOKING UP MORE LOCAL RESTAURANTS FOR ALDRICH STREET

Two New Restaurants to Open on First Floor of Alamo Drafthouse in Early 2017

AUSTIN, Texas – Sept. 29, 2016 – Two new local restaurants will join the Alamo Drafthouse building in early 2017 in [Aldrich Street, Mueller](#)'s growing activity hub: Colleen's Kitchen and Bao'd Up.

Colleen's Kitchen is a southern-inspired, full-service neighborhood restaurant that will cater to families by day and the entertainment and culinary scene by night. Featuring a dining area with an open kitchen, an indoor/outdoor bar with patio and a take-out window to grab picnic box lunches and coffees on-the-go, Colleen's will serve dishes reminiscent of the comforts of home with a contemporary touch on southern classics, such as fried green tomatoes, deviled eggs and mac & cheese. The bar will feature a twist on classic cocktails, eclectic wines and craft beers. Colleen's Kitchen will be open for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch.

Colleen's Kitchen is created by Ashley Fric and her husband Sean, who is an owner of J. Black's Feel Good Kitchen & Lounge and The Golden Goose. The couple has lived in the Mueller community since 2009, welcoming their daughter, Elizabeth Colleen, in 2013. "We've given thoughtful consideration to what our guests want – and what our neighborhood needs – because we live here, we work here and we're raising our family here. We love it here and we want others to feel the same," said Ashley Fric.

Colleen's Kitchen channels the spirit of a favorite aunt who created joy in every moment. "From the moment you approach our place you will feel welcomed, as if you are coming to a favorite relative's home," said Fric.

Bao'd Up, the first restaurant in Texas to serve homemade bao, a classic Chinese bun-like dish that is steamed and filled with meat and vegetables, is the latest concept from the creators of [Xian Sushi and Noodle](#) in the Mueller Market District.

"Xian has been such a success; we love this area and we know this area," said Bao'd Up proprietor Ting Lin. "We think Bao'd Up will make be a perfect addition at Mueller, whether residents, employees and visitors are already familiar with bao or they discover bao as a new Chinese delicacy."

These restaurants will join previously announced local restaurants, also scheduled to open in early 2017 at Aldrich Street: [B.D. Riley's Irish Pub](#), [Lick Honest Ice Creams](#), [Halcyon Coffee + Bar + Lounge](#), [Stella Public House](#) and [J.T. Youngblood's](#) and recently opened [Bribery Bakery](#) and [L'Oca D'Oro](#). These additions will bring the total number of eateries at Mueller to nearly 40.

About Mueller: Mueller is one of the nation's most notable new-urbanist 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 taking shape as a joint project between the City of Austin [Economic Development](#) department and Catellus Development over 10 to 15 years following nearly 20 years of extensive citizen input. Upon completion, Mueller will feature at least 5,900 single-family and multi-family homes, a mixed-use town center district known as [Aldrich Street](#), 4.4 million square feet of prime commercial space, including 750,000 square feet of local and regional retail space, 140 acres of parks and open space, plus Dell Children's Medical Center, the Austin Film Studios, The Thinkery, H-E-B and the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center. For more information, visit www.MuellerAustin.com, find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/MuellerAustin and follow us on Twitter [@MuellerAustin](#).

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