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ALDRICH STREET TAKING SHAPE IN HEART OF MUELLER

New, Local Restaurants to Join Alamo Drafthouse at Mueller in 2016-2017

AUSTIN, Texas – Jan. 25, 2016 – [Aldrich Street](#), Mueller’s growing activity hub that currently comprises Lake Park, the Thinkery, three multifamily communities, Seton’s administrative offices and an upcoming Alamo Drafthouse retail building, is about to expand further with the addition of five new, local restaurants in a newly announced three-story, mixed-use building fronting Mueller’s Lake Park.

[B.D. Riley’s Irish Pub](#), [Lick Ice Creams](#), [Halcyon Coffee + Bar + Lounge](#), [Stella Public House](#) and [J.T. Youngblood’s](#) will each debut at Aldrich Street by early 2017. Along with the soon-to-open [Bribery Bakery](#) and [L’Oca D’Oro](#) on the first floor of the AMLI at Mueller building, this offering establishes an eatery and entertainment core for Mueller’s town center, which will become the densest part of Mueller.

Like its first pub on Sixth Street near the Driskill Hotel, **B.D. Riley’s Irish Pub** at Mueller is being constructed just outside of Dublin, Ireland, disassembled, packed and transported to Austin, to be reassembled here.

“My partners and I have been searching for the perfect spot for an Austin expansion for well over two years, and we all agree we found that spot on Aldrich Street in Mueller,” said John Erwin, B.D. Riley’s president and founder. “Our designers and craftspeople in Ireland are already working to bring another true Irish pub experience to Austin. Just as we do downtown, we will offer our award-winning menu, local live music, and a wide selection of Irish and local beers plus a full bar.”

Lick Ice Creams, which currently operates two locations in Austin and one in San Antonio, makes artisanal ice creams from pure, whole ingredients. Unique flavors include horchata, Texas sheet cake, caramel silk lick, roasted beets with fresh mint, coconut chia chai, and seasonal specials like cardamom pear cake, cilantro lime and Hazel’s pumpkin pie.

“We’re going to incorporate a bit more color and playful elements to celebrate this location being directly across from the Thinkery, and, since we’ll face a lovely promenade, we’ll be able to have more outdoor seating than our current shops,” said Anthony Sobotik, who, along with Chad Pamatier, founded Lick in 2011.

“We’ve been so intrigued by the Mueller project and the Thinkery relocation for quite some time. Seeing its rebirth is exhilarating and we wanted to be a part of that, because we like to seek out locations within neighborhoods so we can grow with that community and be a destination that's walkable and bikeable,” added Sobotik.

Halcyon, a coffeebar that originated in the Austin Warehouse District 15 years ago, will open its third location in Texas at Aldrich Street, serving as a coffeehouse by day and a bar and lounge by night, with food served all day. Incorporating a full kitchen and a full bar, Halcyon will offer a broad menu of inventive breakfast, salad, sandwich, snack and dessert options, along with craft cocktails and craft espresso drinks, including its famous Chocolate Espresso Martini and Table Side S'Mores.

Stella Public House, a farm-to-table pizza concept from Austin founders of Halcyon, will open its third location nationally at Aldrich Street. This first Austin location will feature Texas-sourced, artisan pizza prepared in an Italian Modena wood-fired oven and using Stella's acclaimed dough recipe made in-house daily along with homemade mozzarella pulled in-house daily. Along with its artisanal wood-fired pizzas, the restaurant will also offer a seasonal menu of farm-to-table small plates, including its award-winning wild mushroom mac-n-cheese and lamb meatballs, as well as 30 rotating taps of craft beers from across the U.S. and internationally-curated wines.

J.T. Youngblood’s is a fast-casual, healthy alternative to fast food, featuring Texas-style fried and oak-roasted rotisserie chicken, along with house-made healthy sides, pies and ice cream. This modern take on a once iconic Texas restaurant will have dine-in and dedicated take-out service, plus a full bar and in-house bakery. Former TRIO at Four Seasons Austin general manager Jeff Haber, Lenoir chef-owner Todd Duplechan, and Jeffrey’s and Shoreline Grill co-founder Jeff Weinberger make up the team revitalizing one of the first farm-to-table concepts in Texas.

The approximately 56,000-square-foot, mixed-use building known as the “Diamond Building” because of the site’s baseball diamond shape, will be located along Aldrich Street fronting Simond Avenue and across the paseo from the Thinkery. Future office tenants will occupy the top two floors with unobstructed views of downtown Austin while the five restaurants profiled above will make up the first floor of this unique building designed in collaboration by [Lake|Flato Architects](#) and [Studio8 Architects](#).



Aldrich Street’s “diamond building” will be located next to the Thinkery and house five eateries on the first floor with offices on the second and third floors. Image courtesy Studio 8 Architects, which, along with Lake|Flato Architects, designed the building.

The striking design includes an expansive, shaded outdoor patio that features a distinctive sloping roof and incorporates a large rainwater collection system. The building will be accented by a variety of materials, including exposed wooden timbers, as well as shaded areas both at street level and on balconies.

Construction has also begun on the two-story cinema building designed by [Page Architects](#). Alamo Drafthouse will open into a ground-floor lobby with a bar/lounge serving 48 beers on tap, a stage for live music and cafe seating along the paseo. An expansive covered terrace will extend café seating and service to the second floor overlooking Aldrich Street. Their six auditoriums will occupy the second floor with capacity for approximately 600 people. The more than 54,000-square-foot building, located along Aldrich between Ragsdale and Robert Browning streets, will include additional street level shops and eateries. Both buildings are anticipated to earn Austin Energy Green Building and LEED ratings.



The cinema building at Aldrich Street will feature Alamo Drafthouse on the second floor with retailers and eateries on the first floor. Image courtesy Catellus Development.

“People may not realize they are already enjoying Aldrich Street when they visit Lake Park and the Thinkery, but they’ll certainly recognize how they are part of Mueller’s evolving town center when Alamo and these terrific local eateries start opening this year,” said Greg Weaver, executive vice president of [Catellus](#) Development Corp., the master developer of Mueller. “Aldrich Street has been many years in the making to ensure we captured the right mix of businesses and design as we begin to roll out the district.”

At Aldrich Street, places to shop and dine will connect seamlessly with cultural, residential and office opportunities. Broad paseos and a lakefront park make the outdoors a key part of the experience. A strong emphasis on local businesses will underscore its sense of place with locations for a variety of retail merchants, hotel, casual and fine dining, pubs, live music, galleries, professional and neighborhood services. Aldrich Street is named for the street that bears the name of Roy Aldrich, who served as a Texas Ranger from 1915 to 1947 and whose farmland later became a part of the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport and is today a part of Mueller.

Aldrich Street Upon Completion:

- Office: Up to 1,800,000 sf
- Retail/Restaurant/Cinema: Up to 300,000 sf
- The Thinkery: 36,000 sf
- AISD PAC: 56,000 sf
- Residential: More than 3,000 apartments and condos
- Hotel: 120 to 140 rooms

Aldrich Street Completed:

- Mueller Central (2007)
- AIR formerly SEDL, 56,000 sf office (2007)
- Mueller Lake Park, 30 acres (2008)
- Mosaic at Mueller, 441 units multi-family (2008)
- Seton Administration, 156,000 sf office (2009)
- The Thinkery, 36,000 sf children's museum (2013)
- District-wide parking garage (2013)
- Elysian at Mueller, 301 units multi-family (2014)
- AISD Performing Arts Center, 56,000 sf (2015)
- AMLI at Mueller, 279 units multi-family (2015)

Aldrich Street Under Construction (projected open):

- Overture, 201 multi-family units (2016)
- Alamo Drafthouse, cinema/retail, 54,000 sf (2016)
- Diamond Building, office/retail, 56,000 sf (2016)
- AMLI (2) at Mueller, 318 multi-family units (2017)

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](https://twitter.com/MuellerAustin).

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