

Weston Resident to Open “The Woods,” Town’s First Public Restaurant with Pouring Liquor License Since Prohibition

The Friends of Josiah Smith selected Boston restaurateur Brian Piccini to open a locally sourced restaurant in a historic Weston building.

Boston, January 9, 2024 – The Woods, a new farm-and-sea-to-table restaurant, is poised to welcome Weston residents and visitors into an inviting, contemporary dining atmosphere in the Fall of 2024. Operating Weston’s first pouring liquor license, The Woods' carefully curated beverage menu will provide expertly crafted cocktails, an extensive wine list, local beers, and non-alcoholic delights to complement the culinary experience. The concept, curated by Brian Piccini, owner of the award-winning Boston Chops South End, Boston Chops Downtown, Deuxave, and dbar, promises to deliver diverse culinary experiences.

The menu will focus on local and seasonal ingredients, featuring a sensational wood fire grill. With an emphasis on sustainability, The Woods will plant a tree for every tree used, as well as an impressive herb garden on the property. The team's passionate and highly-trained chefs will create dishes celebrating the region's heritage, sourcing directly from local fishermen and sustainable farms.

"I am proud to announce the arrival of The Woods to Weston, a culinary venture that goes beyond being just a restaurant – it's a celebration of community, nature, and the rich tapestry of flavors that surround us," said Brian Piccini, CEO and owner of Boston Urban Hospitality. "Our goal is not only to provide a unique dining experience but also to create a vibrant gathering place that fosters community engagement and a place for families and friends to make lasting memories. As a resident of Weston, I've long seen the need for a full-service restaurant open to the public, as there are only private golf clubs that are not accessible to all. We look forward to opening our doors and creating a welcoming environment where everyone can feel at home."

Housed in Weston's historic Josiah Smith building, construction is set to begin in early 2024. The new design will preserve the building's original charm with updates to create an open and modern dining experience yet celebrating the historical elements. Inspired by the nature surrounding Weston, the restaurant will offer distinct areas that bring the woods indoors – a cozy and casual BARn space and a more traditional restaurant dining space that is airy and bright, with three additional private dining rooms seating 10-49, and two outdoor dining options.

Conveniently located in Weston Center, the Josiah Smith building sat vacant for nearly two decades and has recently been renovated by the Friends of Josiah Smith, a non-profit organization, that has leased the space to The Woods. Located at 358 Boston Post Road, Weston MA, the restaurant will serve lunch and dinner, in addition to three private dining rooms.