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White Dog Cafe owner taking over Radnor Hotel restaurant, event space with new concept



A rendering of the forthcoming Triple Crown Events ballroom in the Radnor Hotel. FEARLESS RESTAURANTS



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The Philadelphia restaurant group behind White Dog Cafe plans to debut a new concept on the Main Line in 2024, its third scheduled opening in the region this year.

Fearless Restaurants is taking over the event and restaurant spaces at The Radnor Hotel at 591 E. Lancaster Ave. in Wayne and will convert them into Triple Crown Restaurant, Events and Garden. The project will roll out in two primary phases, with the first set to be unveiled in the spring, according to a representative for the hospitality group.

Fearless Restaurants is run by managing partner Marty Grims and his daughter Sydney Grims. The hospitality group currently hosts events at all of its existing restaurants but decided to pursue this project to be able to offer a larger event space for customers on and around the Main Line.

"It will allow Fearless Restaurants to host larger events and galas that our current Main Line locations cannot accommodate," Marty Grims said in a statement. "We are also looking forward to being part of this landmark Main Line hotel while bringing it a fresh, modern design and an elevated culinary experience."

Fearless Restaurants operates four eateries on the Main Line: Italian soul food concept Rosalie, an outpost of White Dog Cafe, and American restaurant Autograph Brasserie in Wayne, as well as a White Dog Cafe location in Haverford.



Rosalie, an Italian soul food concept from Fearless Restaurants, is located in the Wayne Hotel.

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This first phase of Fearless Restaurants' latest project will be renovating the ballroom and event space, which is expected to be completed in the spring. The transformation will involve updates to the exterior and the 7,000-square-foot interior space, including the addition of audio-visual amenities.

After the event space comes online in the spring, Fearless Restaurants plans to begin work on the restaurant, which is taking over the Glenmorgan Bar & Grill space. Glenmorgan Bar & Grill will shutter prior to that work beginning, although an exact closing date has not been decided.

Fearless Restaurants is still finalizing the menu, square footage and design for Triple Crown Restaurant. The opening of Triple Crown Garden will be contingent upon weather, the group's representative said.

Barbara Balongue of Villanova-based Balongue Design is spearheading the renovations for Triple Crown Restaurant, Events and Garden.

Located at 591 Lancaster Ave., the 173-key Radnor Hotel is owned by S. W. Bajus Ltd. and has been in operation for more than 50 years. In addition to Glenmorgan Bar & Grill and its event space, the full-service hotel also offers Jay Michael Salon and a location of the spa Body+Beauty Lab.



A rendering of Fearless Restaurants' Testa Rossa, a casual Italian-American restaurant expected to open in Glen Mills this summer.

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Triple Crown Restaurant, Events and Garden is the third concept that Fearless Restaurants plans to bring online in 2024. It is set to open its fifth White Dog Cafe location in late winter or early spring 2024 at 181 Gordon Drive in Exton, the former home of Vickers Restaurant.

This summer, the group also expects to debut casual Italian-American restaurant Testa Rossa in the former Ruby's Diner at 919 Baltimore Pike in Glen Mills. The restaurant will feature a 1960s-inspired design and seat a total of 280 people.

Fearless Restaurants is behind seven concepts boasting a collective 10 restaurants throughout Greater Philadelphia and in Long Beach Island, New Jersey. In addition to Rosalie, Autograph Brasserie and the two White Dog locations in Wayne and Haverford, the group's portfolio includes Moshulu Restaurant on Penn's Landing; White Dog Cafe outposts in University City and Glen Mills; Louie Louie in University City; and Daddy O Restaurant & Hotel and Tuckers Tavern on Long Beach Island.