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Cusumano's to Open at Persimmon Pointe Market in O'Fallon, MO in the Spring

ST. LOUIS, MO – Persimmon Pointe Market, LLC announced the signing of a lease for the new and revived family restaurant tradition by Cusumano's, announced Burt Follman, Managing Member.

The Cusumano family is renowned in the restaurant world in this region, with many family members operating several facilities. Mr. & Mrs. John Cusumano owned and operated the Cusumano's Village Inn restaurant in Glasgow Village in North St. Louis County for 30 years and upon their retirement, closed the restaurant. It was after those years that the Cusumano family and many of their neighbors relocated to the St. Peters, O'Fallon and the general St. Charles County areas, but stayed in touch with all of their old neighbors.

Through the course of the years, many of those former neighbors, when they would see Mr. or Mrs. Cusumano would ask "When are you going to reopen your restaurant?" Along came Julie Cusumano-Walsh and Chris Walsh, the Cusumano's daughter and son-in-law, who decided it was time to revive the family tradition of good food, fair prices and great service.

The new restaurant will be located in the former Chinese restaurant at Persimmon Pointe Market, located at the NW corner of Hwy. 40 (I-64) & Hwy K in O'Fallon, MO. The restaurant will get a makeover by the Cusumano's and plans are in place for reopening April 1, 2009. The restaurant will specialize in Pasta and Pizza.

"We are extremely excited to be bringing the Cusumano's family recipes and quality operation back to all our friends and new customers in the O'Fallon & St. Charles County area", said Chris Walsh, Managing Member of the new entity. We plan to have a "soft" opening to make sure we have everything running smoothly before announcing our official grand opening in the spring.

Cusumano's joins several other restaurants in the Persimmon Point Market to round out a number of dining choices, ranging from Ruby Tuesdays, Timber Creek Grill, Lindsey's Chocolate Café & Coffee House and Fox's Pizza Den. Persimmon Pointe Market also contains fine stores that offer home décor, blinds, drapes, furniture and accessories, children's wear as well as a beauty salon, fitness services, a local branch of the University of Phoenix and Hertz Rental Car within its premises.

Persimmon Pointe Market is a 34,800 square foot shopping center that was built in 2004 at the gateway to the City of O'Fallon at the NW corner of Hwy 40 & Hwy. K. For additional information, please contact Burt Follman at 314-746-1410 or bfollman@gershman.com.

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