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New Restaurant Coming to Grand Oak

Equus Capital Partners and Cassidy Turley are proud to announce the addition of a new restaurant and bar concept to the Grand Oak office complex. Scheduled to open in March 2014, the new restaurant will feature not only great steaks but fresh fish, seafood steampots, a fresh oyster bar, great sliders, flatbreads, design-your-own salads, and great Cajun specialties, including famous po-boy sandwiches and jambalaya.

As with any great restaurant, this new venue will feature a full bar, a great wine list and a large selection of craft beers. Replacing the former Time Out restaurant and bar located at 2864 Highway 55, the space is currently being redesigned by Minneapolis-based David Shea, a renowned restaurant and bar architect.

The new restaurant concept has been created by Tom Webster and Ron Jacob. Tom brings 40 years of experience in the restaurant business, including being the president of Eddie Webster's, Gianni's Steakhouse in Wayzata, and the Cosi restaurants to name a few. Ron equally has many years of experience, including the Nicollet Island Inn, Fitger's in Duluth, the Emporium of Jazz, and the Ragin Cajun.

New Year's Fitness Resolution

If your New Year's resolutions included a commitment to improve your fitness, remember to take advantage of the two fitness centers at Grand Oak Business Park. Located at 2805 Dodd Road and 860 Blue Gentian Road, each fitness center contains a variety of cardiovascular and strength training equipment.

The fitness centers are available to all Grand Oak tenants free of charge. Simply contact the Cassidy Turley property management office at 651-289-3506 to sign a liability waiver and obtain an access card, which provides access to both facilities.

It's not too late to pursue the path to fitness!



TAKE NOTE OF THE UPCOMING DATES:

Valentine's Day
Friday, February 14

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 17

**Daylight Saving Time
Begins**
Sunday, March 9

World Kidney Day
Thursday, March 13

St. Patrick's Day
Monday, March 17

First Day of Spring
Thursday, March 20

Earth Hour
Saturday, March 29

Get Ready for the XXII Olympic Winter Games

The much-anticipated 2014 Olympic Winter Games will be held February 7-23, 2014, in Sochi, Russia. This marks the first time that the Russian Federation will have hosted the Winter Games. The Soviet Union hosted the 1980 Summer Games in Moscow, the first games to be held in a communist country; however, the U.S. boycotted the 1980 Summer Olympics due to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.



Sochi has a population of 400,000 and is located in Krasnodar, the third largest region in Russia. The Games will be held in two clusters 30 minutes apart: a coastal cluster for ice events in Sochi and a mountain cluster in the Krasnaya Polyana Mountains.

On September 29th, the Olympic torch was lit in Ancient Olympia and began its seven-day journey across Greece and on to Russia. The longest torch relay in Olympic history, the torch began its 40,000 mile route throughout Russia on October 7th. Handed off from one person to another passing 83 Russian cities, the torch relay made a first-ever stop at the North Pole via an icebreaker ship and was passed in open space for the first time by Russian cosmonauts. The torch is scheduled to arrive in Sochi on February 7th for the Winter Olympic's opening ceremony.

The 22nd Olympic Winter Games promise to be more thrilling than ever. Following are some interesting facts about the winter Olympics:

- The first winter Olympic Games were held in France in 1924.
- In 1988, the first Jamaican Bobsled team competed in Canada, finishing in a crash. The four-man team was the inspiration of the movie *Cool Runnings*.
- Women did not compete in the Olympics until 1912 and only 11 competed in the first Winter Games.
- Vonetta Flowers was the first African American to win a Gold Medal in the Winter Olympics in 2002.
- The first gold medal in Winter Olympics history went to American speed skater Charles Jewtraw.

Twelve winter sporting events (three mixed, four men's and five women's events) will make their debuts in Sochi:

Biathlon Relay – Mixed: Two women will open the relay, completing the first two 6km legs. Two men will then complete the next two 7.5km legs.

Figure Skating Team Event – Mixed: Teams will consist of six skaters – one male, one female, one pair and one ice dance couple. Points will be awarded for each routine and the team with the highest number of aggregate points will win gold.

Luge Team Relay – Mixed: Each nation will field a men's singles sled, a doubles sled and a women's singles sled. All three will slide down the track, one after another, with the clock stopping only after the third sled has crossed the finish line.

Ski Halfpipe – Men's and Women's: Athletes will perform an array of big airs and other tricks in the halfpipe before being judged on technical execution, amplitude, variety, difficulty and use of pipe.

Ski Slopestyle – Men's and Women's: Skiers will combine airs and tricks on a 565m course featuring rails and a variety of jumps before being scored on execution, style, difficulty, variety and progression.

Snowboard Slopestyle – Men's and Women's: Athletes will be scored after descending a 655m course consisting of rails and a variety of jumps, as they combine big airs and technical tricks into one run.

Snowboard Parallel Slalom – Men's and Women's: Riders will race two at a time down the same slope on parallel courses, outlined with gates and flags.

Ski Jumping – Women's: The women's normal hill event will mark the first time that women will compete in ski jumping at the Winter Games.

To learn more about the 2014 Olympic Winter Games, visit www.sochi2014.com/en/ and follow your favorite U.S. athletes at www.teamusa.org.

Keep Your Kidneys Healthy

March is National Kidney Month and March 13th is World Kidney Day. To keep your kidneys healthy throughout your lifetime, follow the National Kidney Foundation's 10-step program for protecting kidney health:

1. Monitor blood pressure and cholesterol.
2. Control weight.
3. Don't overuse over-the-counter painkillers.
4. Monitor blood glucose.
5. Get an annual physical exam.
6. Avoid smoking.
7. Exercise regularly.
8. Follow a healthful diet.
9. Check if chronic kidney disease (CKD), diabetes or heart disease runs in your family.
10. Talk to your doctor about being tested for CKD, based upon the above kidney healthy tips.



Equus Capital Partners is a proud supporter of the National Kidney Foundation and, together with its tenants, has participated in numerous fundraisers for the organization.

Equus and the National Kidney Foundation urge all Americans to care for their kidneys. To learn more about CKD risk factors, prevention and treatment, visit www.kidney.org.

2014 Tax Season

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will open the 2014 filing season on January 31st, several days later than originally planned due to the government shutdown in 2013. The April 15th tax deadline is set by statute and will remain unchanged.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to use e-file or Free File as the fastest methods for receiving refunds. For more information, please visit www.irs.gov.

Brain Teasers

Read the descriptions below and guess which proverb they each represent. (Answers on back page.)

1. Exercise your visual facilities prior to executing a jump.
2. Any object that ascends into the stratosphere irrevocably and inevitably descends to terra firma.
3. Do not traverse a structure erected to afford passage over a waterway until the time of drawing nigh unto it.
4. An excess of culinary experts impairs the quality of a thin derivative of meat.
5. A canine which gives vent to his sentiments by a series of vocal efforts, rarely finds use of his bicuspid.
6. A chronic disposition to inquiry deprived the domestic feline carnivorous quadruped of its vital quality.
7. Visualizing is the equivalent to having faith.
8. Pulchritude pertains solely to the epidermis.

Source: National Institute of Environmental Sciences

Recognizing Grand Oak Tenants

Equus Capital Partners and Cassidy Turley are appreciative of all tenants at Grand Oak Business Park and extend special thanks to the following tenants for their lease transactions completed during 4th Quarter 2013:

Enclos Corp. (2770 Blue Water Road)

PennyMac Loan Services (860 Blue Gentian Road)

Regus Executive Suites (860 Blue Gentian Road)

Vela Insurance Services (860 Blue Gentian Road)



Remember to Spring Ahead

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 9th. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour.

Brain Teaser Answers

1. Look before you leap.
2. What goes up, must come down.
3. Don't cross that bridge until you come to it.
4. Too many cooks spoiled the broth.
5. His bark is worse than his bite.
6. Curiosity killed the cat.
7. Seeing is believing.
8. Beauty is only skin deep.

About Equus Capital Partners

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