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New Tenants Moving Into Former Darien Playhouse Building

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Retail tenants and apartment renters are expected to start moving into the building that formerly housed the Darien Playhouse.

Joe Vaccaro, a partner at V20 Group, said late last month that the building, now called Darien Place, could have retail tenants early in July.

— *an announcement from V20 Group*

“We’re excited to complete construction and let our retail tenants start building out their spaces,” said Vaccaro, who has managed the Darien Place renovation alongside his father, Jon.

“We think Darien Place is going to create a connection with the other businesses at that end of the Post Road that didn’t exist before.”

Joe Vaccaro said a part of that connection is the installation of red brick pavers to form the walkways and

common areas on the north side and at the back of the century-old structure. Vaccaro said the pavers were used to match the walkways of the adjacent properties and added to the charm of the area.

Vaccaro said reconfiguring the parking lot to create dedicated parking for the building's residential tenants, relocating where trash and recycling will be stored and collected, and adding landscaping to provide some green barriers will add to the overall improvement of the area.

Vaccaro said these three retail tenants are already prepared to move in:

? **Laurent Lighting and Design:** Owner Nancy Dichiora is expanding her boutique lighting showroom to Darien from Ridgefield. The store will sell interior and exterior lighting resources and some furniture.

? **Kennedy's All-American Barber Club:** Kennedy's is moving from its current location at 1950 Post Road to a smaller location inside Darien Place.

? **La Tagueria:** Gourmet chef Dennis Lake will bring his quick-service Mexican cuisine to Darien from Greenwich. Be sure to try the handmade blue corn tortillas. The four residential apartments on the second floor will be ready for move-in by early July, Vaccaro said. The largest of the four apartments, an 875-square-foot space, is already spoken for. The three smaller apartments, all about 675 square feet, are still available.

Darien Place is the latest project in the community for V20 Group. The developer has already completed three similar mixed-use projects along Boston Post Road (364 Boston Post Road, 1958 Boston Post Road, and 1950 Boston Post Road) with a fourth project on the Post Road currently under construction across the street from St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Noroton.