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**EXCITING NEW CONCEPT FROM TUSCAN BRANDS TO JOIN THRIVING NEWBURYPORT RESTAURANT SCENE IN SPRING 2020**

***Artisan Italian Food Experience to Open at 54 Merrimac Street, Newburyport, MA***

NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS (December 2019) – Tuscan Brands [(TuscanBrands.com)](http://www.tuscanbrands.com) will open a new restaurant concept at 54 Merrimac Street in downtown Newburyport, MA next spring, announced Newburyport Development today.

Tuscan Brands is acclaimed for celebrating culinary traditions from all over Italy. The new concept in Newburyport will feature locally sourced seafood, a raw bar, Tuscan Brand’s famous scratch made pasta, as well as house made artisan breads, Neapolitan style pizzas, house made desserts, gelato and more.

The restaurant’s beautiful waterfront location overlooking the Merrimack River has sweeping harbor views and boasts ample outdoor seating for warm weather al fresco dining. Featuring a total interior transformation, the new restaurant will be an exciting addition to the already flourishing restaurant scene in Newburyport.

“We are delighted to announce the addition of Tuscan Brands new concept to Newburyport’s vibrant culinary community,” says Rebekah Macchia, Marketing Director of Newburyport Development. “The opening in Newburyport is extremely exciting news for local residents and visitors alike,” she continues.

“We can’t wait to bring Tuscan Brands to another part of the Merrimack Valley in the spring of 2020. This restaurant will be a new concept for us, curated just for Newburyport. It’s going to be such a special destination, considering its incredible waterfront location at the end of the Merrimac Street boardwalk and its ocean-inspired interior design. Given Tuscan’s DNA of ‘artisan Italian cuisine’ and the surroundings of our newest restaurant, our focus will be coastal Italian creations,” says Joe Faro, CEO & ‘Chief Food Taster’ of Tuscan Brands.

**The Tuscan Brands Story**

Founded by serial food entrepreneur Joe Faro, Tuscan Brands is the culmination of two generations sharing authentic artisan Italian cooking experiences. As a result of Faro’s upbringing in an Italian immigrant family where cooking was a time-honored tradition, his success creating Italian cuisine and products and his travels all over Italy, Tuscan Kitchen opened in Salem, NH, in 2010 as a destination for diners to eat & drink their way through the Old World’s diverse regional scratch cuisine: rustic breads, handmade scratch pastas, hand-stretched mozzarella, house-cured salumi and a full array of Italian pastries, cookies and homemade gelatos, all set against the backdrop of a masterfully-curated Italian wine selection. Tuscan Market in Salem followed in 2012 as a reimagined Italian marketplace to shop for freshly baked breads, handmade pastas, pastries, and gelato, as well as Italian wines, prepared foods, butchered meats and rare imported Italian specialties. The Salem location also includes ‘La Scuola Culinaria’, an onsite cooking school. Tuscan Brands expanded to Burlington, MA, in 2014 with the opening of the second Tuscan Kitchen, while a third location was added in March of 2017 in Portsmouth, NH. Tuscan Seaport’s 14,000 square foot restaurant opened in Boston’s Seaport Square development in November of 2017. The newest member of the Tuscan Brands family, Tuscan Market, opened in the heart of Market Square in downtown Portsmouth, NH, in July of 2019. For more information, visit [www.TuscanBrands.com](http://www.TuscanBrands.com).

**Newburyport Development**

Newburyport Development, a New England Development Company, is located in the heart of downtown Newburyport, Massachusetts, where you’ll find historic neighborhoods and cobblestone streets alongside contemporary restaurants, a shopper’s paradise, and modern galleries. As one of Newburyport’s leading property owners and property managers, Newburyport Development owns more than 50 prime retail/office locations and residential units throughout downtown Newburyport, plus Newburyport Marinas, Michael’s Harborside restaurant, Harborside Catering and the Phoenix Room function facility.

Newburyport shops include Lively Kids, francesca’s, Talbots, M.K. Benatti Jewelers, SOAK and many more. Dining selections feature Michael’s Harborside, The Poynt, Brick & Ash, Oregano Pizzeria and Ristorante and Dos Amigos Burritos, among others. All are part of Newburyport’s vibrant waterside setting, which offers some of New England’s best fishing, boating, dining, and shopping. For more information, visit [www.NewburyportDev.com](http://www.NewburyportDev.com) and [www.NewburyportShops.com](http://www.newburyportshops.com).

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