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NATS OPENER TURNS SPOTLIGHT ON CAPITOL RIVERFRONT GROWTH

Neighborhood Welcomes New Dining Destinations and Half Street Development Plans

(Washington, DC—For Immediate Release) As Opening Day arrives, Nationals fans and many others will have even more to explore and experience in the Capitol Riverfront, including the 2015 debuts of five new dining destinations. Adding to the excitement is the redevelopment of much of the former “Fairground” parcel along Half Street near Nats Park, with plans for two new residential buildings and a major retail component.

“We always look forward to the beginning of spring in the Capitol Riverfront and the return of Nationals baseball to the neighborhood,” said Capitol Riverfront BID president Michael Stevens. “This year we are even more excited with the recently announced plans for the redevelopment of both sides of Half Street as the entertainment gateway to the stadium. These development projects will continue to energize the neighborhood and provide a new range of destination activities, restaurants, and entertainment for both baseball visitors and residents. And the new residential opportunities at Half Street will add to the growing array of apartments and condos that are currently under construction or planned for the Capitol Riverfront. The Half Street projects will be an anchor for this section of our neighborhood and contribute to brand the Capitol Riverfront as a sports, entertainment, and dining destination neighborhood on the Anacostia River.”

As the Capitol Riverfront approaches the 50 percent built-out milestone, the latest addition to the Capitol Riverfront dining experience, Bonchon Chicken, is expected to be open by the time of the season’s first pitch. Additional new dining experiences opening in 2015 include the Navy Yard Oyster Company, Scarlet Oak, The Brig, and Due South.

The Capitol Riverfront welcomed Harris Teeter, Vida Fitness, and eight new restaurants last year. New construction is expected to double the neighborhood’s residential stock over the coming three years. Today, the Capitol Riverfront can claim the following in numbers:

- 4,700 residents
- 34,000 employees working in the Capitol Riverfront
- 3 million visitors (2014)
- 4.8 million square feet of private office space, 7.4 million square feet total
- 27 restaurants

- 92,000 square feet of new retail space (2014)
- 533 hotel rooms under construction
- 1,916 residential units under construction
- 1 Harris Teeter grocery store
- 6 CBS radio stations operating from the Capitol Riverfront
- 9,500 riders at Metro's Navy Yard/Ballpark station each day on average
- Neighborhood walk score of 90, a "Walkers Paradise"
- 49,972 Bikeshare trips to the Capitol Riverfront—more than 3 times the 2011 count
- 53 private and public events in Yards Park attracting 75,000+ people (2014)

Pregame celebrations on Opening Day, April 6th, will kick off at 11:00 am with [Bluejacket Brewery's Opening Day Fest](#) in Lot O at 4th and Tingey Streets, SE. This event will last until 4:00 pm and feature live music and games; craft beer; and chef specialties from Bluejacket, GBD and Red Apron Butcher. From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, 106.7 the Fan will present the [Baseball Block Party](#) in Canal Park at 2nd and M Street, SE, featuring the station's live pregame show, live music, food trucks, and craft beverages. [Capitol Riverfront restaurants](#) will also provide [food and beverage specials](#) on Opening Day and throughout the 2015 baseball season.

In addition to Opening Day, the spring season creates much anticipation for Capitol Riverfront signature events, including the [Friday Night Concert Series](#) beginning May 15th in Yards Park, and the [Thursday Night Outdoor Movies](#) beginning June 4th in Canal Park.

Other major events in April include:

- Washington Nationals v. New York Yankees Exhibition Game, April 4th at Nationals Park
- National Cherry Blossom Lantern Making Family Day, April 4th in Canal Park
- 2nd Annual Cherry Blossom Beer & Wine Festival presented by Drink the District, April 11th in The Yards
- Bard in the Yards – the Capitol Riverfront BID and Folger Shakespeare Library celebrate Shakespeare's 450th Birthday with three of Hollywood's best takes on his plays and pre-show performances featuring players from the Folger Shakespeare troupe, April 24th-26th in Yards Park
- The first of six Truckeroo Food Truck Festival events beginning April 24th at Half and M Streets

For more information on all Capitol Riverfront events, visit www.CapitolRiverfront.org/calendar.

About The Capitol Riverfront

Located just five blocks south of the U.S. Capitol Building, the Capitol Riverfront is leading the way in urban residential, new parks, and green innovation by pairing the extraordinary advantages of city living with access to what matters: open space and access to the river, sports and entertainment, great restaurants, exceptional value, and proximity to Capitol Hill. See www.CapitolRiverfront.com for more information.