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NATS OPEN 9th SEASON IN DC'S FASTEST GROWING NEIGHBORHOOD

Capitol Riverfront Experiencing Biggest Building Boom in Its History

(Washington, DC—For Immediate Release) Opening Day for the Washington Nationals' 9th season in the Capitol Riverfront brings fans and visitors to DC's fastest growing neighborhood, with an unprecedented development pace. With 7.3 million square feet of office space, 4,021 residential units including the recently completed Park Chelsea and Arris apartment buildings, two hotels, and a population of nearly 5,000, the neighborhood has experienced dramatic growth since the first opener in 2008 with more on the way.

"Spring doesn't truly arrive in the Capitol Riverfront until the first pitch is thrown out, but this year, it's been hard to contain our excitement over the explosive growth of retail and residential offerings since last year's opener," said Capitol Riverfront BID president Michael Stevens. "With 10 new residential developments arriving or under construction, we also know that the fans who visit for the best in DC sports are going to find their next home in one of DC's most livable and affordable neighborhoods."

For pre-and-post-game excitement, this will be the final year for the temporary pavilions along Half Street, as they're gradually replaced by permanent residential, as well as year-round retail and dining options. New dining destinations in the Capitol Riverfront since last year's Opening Day include:

- Bonchon Chicken - 1015 Half Street, SE (April 2015)
- Buffalo Wild Wings - 1220 Half Street, SE (Nov. 2015)
- Due South - 301 Water Street, SE (August 2015)
- Hampton Inn & Suites Top of the Yard Rooftop Lounge - 1265 First Street, SE (April 2016)
- Il Parco - 202 M Street, SE (Feb. 2016)
- Las Placitas - 1100 8th Street, SE (Dec. 2015)
- Philz Coffee - 1331 4th Street, SE (spring 2016 – most likely May)
- Scarlet Oak - 909 New Jersey Avenue, SE (Aug, 2015)
- Whaley's Raw Bar - 301 Water Street, SE (spring 2016 – most likely May)
- Ziaafat Grill & Restaurant - 1102 8th Street, SE (Sept. 2015)

Retail and recreational newcomers include:

- Banfield Pet Hospital - 1212 4th Street, SE (July 2015)
- Hugh & Crye - 300 Tingey Street, SE (summer 2015)
- Pacers Running - 300 Tingey Street, SE (Oct. 2015)
- The Yards Marina - 355 Water Street, SE (spring 2016 – most likely May)

Opening Day events held throughout the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood include a festival in Canal Park presented by 106.7 The Fan, a block party on Tingey Street hosted by Bluejacket Brewery and menswear retailer Hugh & Crye, and “Chef’s Play Ball” at Osteria Morini featuring a meatball cook-off among DC’s top chefs. Nationals Fans and residents are encouraged to enjoy these events before the game begins, and stay in the neighborhood after the game for food and fun.

This is the Capitol Riverfront by the numbers today.

- 5,000 residents
- 34,000 employees
- 3 million visitors annually
- 34 restaurants (2 opening spring 2016)
- 10 new retailers (2015)
- 1 grocery store (Whole Foods) under construction
- 8 apartment developments under construction
- 2,601 future housing units in the active development pipeline
- 595 affordable housing units (340 more by 2018)
- 372 existing hotel rooms with 365 hotel rooms under construction
- 10,569 riders at Metro’s Navy Yard/Ballpark station each day on average
- 299 events annually (over 50,000 attended 2015 Friday Night Concert Series)

In addition to Opening Day, the Capitol Riverfront this year will also welcome the Sakura Matsuri Japanese Street Festival, an official event of the National Cherry Blossom Festival (NCBF) on April 16th. Rounding out the celebrations of the Cherry Blossoms will be [Lantern Making](#) at Yards Park, another NCBF official event for the whole family. The Capitol Riverfront is also scheduling its signature events of summer, including the [Friday Night Concert Series](#) in the great lawn of Yards Park beginning May 20th and [Thursday Night Outdoor Movies](#) beginning June 2nd in Canal Park, as well as festivals throughout the neighborhood. For more information on all Capitol Riverfront development and events, visit www.CapitolRiverfront.org.

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 a convenient lifestyle. See www.CapitolRiverfront.org for more information.