



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## The Big Bean Coffee House to Open New Location in Annapolis

Long-time staple of the Severna Park community will open its second-ever location in the Spring

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** (January 12, 2021) - Today, <u>The Big Bean</u>, a popular local coffee shop and long-time community staple in Severna Park, announced it will expand its footprint within Anne Arundel County and open its second-ever location in Annapolis this Spring.

The Big Bean's second location, at <u>888 Bestgate Rd #110</u>, <u>Annapolis</u>, <u>MD 21401</u>, will feature the same locally renowned drink menu as its original Severna Park location, which has helped The Big Bean become a community favorite and popular meeting place for Severna Park's residents and workforce. The 1,600-square-foot coffee shop will offer menu favorites like their famous Breakfast Harvest Cookie, the Mexican Mocha, green protein smoothies like the popular "Green Gorilla," vegan and gluten free snacks, along with other quality hot, cold and frozen drink options that can be paired with the shop's appetizing breakfast and lunch options. The company's Annapolis location will include an expanded selection of nitro coffee on tap and cold brew options, as well as a beautifully landscaped 35-seat outdoor patio.

"We could not be more thrilled to be expanding The Big Bean to another part of Anne Arundel County and introducing our concept to the workers and residents of the greater Annapolis area," said Christie Coster, co-owner of The Big Bean. "Above all things, we value community and coffee, and providing our customers with a home away from home experience that they can depend on from their 'neighborhood coffee shop.' We look forward to meeting Annapolis'

workforce and residents, and providing our customers with a level of service, as well as food and drink options that will be unmatched locally."

The Big Bean Coffee House will be open seven days a week. The coffee shop is focused on serving its community safely through the pandemic, and its priority is the health and wellness of the staff and customers. The Big Bean will continue to encourage social distancing at both of its locations, and is requiring all customers and employees to wear masks. Curbside pickup will be available.

Baltimore-based <u>St. John Properties</u>, one of the largest commercial real estate firms in the Mid-Atlantic, owns and manages the building where The Big Bean will be located. The company has recently completed numerous upgrades to the office building including the renovation of its two-story lobby space and restrooms, and is in the process of adding a private gym for tenants equipped with shower stalls.

"The Annapolis community is in for a treat as The Big Bean expands to its neighborhood," said Bill Holzman, vice president of retail leasing for St. John Properties. "Once you're a customer of Big Bean, you become a friend. It's how the owners and staff of this coffee shop operate, and we could not be more excited to welcome them to 888 Bestgate and watch them become an integral part of the Annapolis community."

John Rosso of Rosso Commercial Real Estate Services represented The Big Bean in the lease transaction, and Bill Holzman of St. John Properties represented the landlord.

For more information, follow The Big Bean on <u>Facebook</u> and Instagram (@bigbeancoffeehouse) or visit their website at <u>TheBigBean.com</u>.

## **ABOUT ST. JOHN PROPERTIES**

Founded in 1971 and headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, St. John Properties, Inc. is one of the Mid-Atlantic's largest privately held commercial real estate firms. The company is distinguished by their commitment to customer service, achievements in green building, and top-rated workplace culture. Throughout St. John Properties' 50-year history, the company has developed more than 21 million square feet of flex/R&D, Office, Retail and Warehouse space serving more than 2,500 clients in Maryland, Colorado, Louisiana, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Utah, and Wisconsin. For more information about the company, visit www.sipi.com.

## **ABOUT THE BIG BEAN**

The Big Bean opened its doors in January 2000. It is a small coffee shop that serves the neighborhood in Severna Park and soon Annapolis. If customers prefer to brew their coffee at home, The Big Bean sells a large selection of coffee beans, including flavored coffee. The Big Bean is a one-of-a-kind coffee shop, not a franchise or corporate coffee company. It's filled with

unusual gift items, fabulous 'novel teas', delicious gourmet goodies, and even treats for dogs. The Big Bean is VERY dog friendly! In planning The Big Bean, the concept was to create a friendly place that catered to both the high-end, specialty coffee lover, as well as those who simply wanted a great cup of coffee, and a quick chat as they started their day. For more updates, follow The Big Bean on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a> and Instagram (@bigbeancoffeehouse) or visit their website at <a href="TheBigBean.com">TheBigBean.com</a>.

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