

# Sono Wood Fired pizza chain to open this fall at Easton

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In another first for Easton Town Center, Sono Wood Fired has announced it will open its first location outside of Chicago at the center in the fall.

Sono Wood Fired's parent company, Good Eats Group, is owned and operated by John McLean and Cleveland native Martin Murch, who was banquet chef at the White House under Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton.

The restaurant will be in the North District of the town center at 4055 the Strand West near Athleta and the newly opened Shake Shack.

Awarded "Best Pizza in Chicago" by Chicago Magazine, Sono Wood Fired serves Tuscan-influenced Italian cuisine featuring housemade pastas, hand-crafted wood-fired pizza, antipasti and a wine bar.

Sono Wood Fired's approach "resonates with the true Italian food and pizza connoisseurs," Murch said in a statement. "We

are eager to open at Easton Town Center, in my home state of Ohio."

The eatery offers "unique dishes you won't find anywhere else," said Jennifer Peterson, Easton's chief executive, in a statement. "With its popularity in Chicago, a town that really knows pizza and pasta, we knew that it would hit the ground running in terms of popularity for Easton guests."

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## Senior of the Year nominations sought

The Columbus Dispatch and ThisWeek Community News are asking for nominations for our annual Senior of the Year award.

The community is encouraged to nominate anyone older than 55 who has gone above and beyond to help others in a selfless way.

Editors will review all nominations, and the winner will be recognized at an awards ceremony

at the 25th annual Young at Heart event for active seniors July 25 at the Makoy Center in Hilliard.

In addition, ThisWeek will publish a story about the winner.

Please submit nominations by using the form at dispatchshows.com/young-at-heart or by email to Karen Lockhart at KLockhart@dispatch.com.

Include the name and complete contact information of the nominee and yourself, plus several paragraphs describing why the person should be considered for this award.

Self-nominations are permitted and must include the name of at least one person of reference. Nominees must reside in central Ohio.

The deadline to submit nominations is June 21.

### Neighbors in the news

#### Local pediatrics doctor to retire

Ann Marie Rogers of New Albany is retiring from Rainbow Pediatrics, the practice she founded in 1974 and expanded to New Albany in 2000.

During her career, Rogers received awards and accolades including Outstanding Pediatrician of the Year by the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, a resolution from the Ohio legislature honoring her efforts on behalf of children's health and well-being and a lifetime-achievement award from Nationwide Children's Hospital in 2009.

In retirement, she plans to extend her services to include world-wide medical missions.

#### Resident wins equestrian award

Reese Fillman of New Albany traveled with the middle school and high school equestrian teams of Lindsay Yinger Show Stables from April 26 to 28 to compete in the Interscholastic Equestrian Association National Finals held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

At the end of the three days, Reese earned the title of champion for the USHJA Future

Novice on the Flat as a member of the middle school team.

#### Piano students earn guild honors

New Albany piano students were among the 800 students who recently won honors at the 2019 National Piano Guild Auditions, held at Graves Piano and Organ in Columbus.

National winners included Anjola Awosika and Jenrayo Awosika. Tanvi Shegaonkar was a local winner. Teachers of these students include Laurie Loper and Qian Yoyo Liu, both members of the National Guild of Piano Teachers.



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