



## HUGHES INVESTMENTS ANNOUNCES BELLADINA'S ITALIAN MARKET COMING TO BRIDGEWAY STATION

**October 5, 2021** – Hughes Investments, Inc. is pleased to welcome Belladina's Italian Market to BridgeWay Station.

Renowned for its authentic Italian pizza and cuisine, the Belladina's brand is capitalizing upon 50 years of family restaurant business experience and expanding upon its success at its first location in downtown Greenville into Mauldin at BridgeWay Station. Belladina's has been serving pizza to the Greenville community for over 10 years. In this new location, Belladina's will utilize a portion of the space as a full service, casual Italian restaurant and pizzeria, with at least 50% of the space dedicated to an Italian market selling authentic Italian food items. Belladina's Italian Market will occupy 6,013 square feet of Main Street retail space located on the ground floor of a six-story building as part of Phase 1 of the development.

Belladina's first location, Belladina's Pizzeria, is located at 9 West Washington Street downtown Greenville.

"We have a fairly aggressive but even more strategic plan for growth," said Joseph Leccese, Belladina's Owner. "We like to think wherever there is a pizzeria, grocery store, pastaria, deli, etc., a Belladina's needs to be there to bring true authenticity. We absolutely love Mauldin, and it has been on our radar for a while now but just haven't found the right location until now. Phil and the group are absolutely amazing to work with, and with every conversation had, we fell more and more in love with the project, and them as an entirety. At the end of the day, what would an Italian inspired project be with a truly authentic Italian Market, Pizzeria, and Osteria. Everything we build is to create an authentic experience, and to not only be given the flexibility, but to be inspired by the project surrounding us is a truly exciting feeling."

Joseph Leccese cultivated his passion and expertise in Italian cuisine from his heritage and from his father and business partner, Potito Leccese. Since moving from Italy to New York City at a young age, Potito has spent many years working in pizzerias. He opened his first pizzeria in 1983 in Maryland and has been refining his restaurant expertise ever since. Joseph and Potito's passion for cooking is derived from their love of family and community. The name, Belladina's, was created by Joseph's wife, Megan, to represent their two children, Karabella and Sabadina.

As with the restaurant's name, the mission of the brand emphasizes the importance of family, artistry, and a welcoming ambiance where everyone has a seat at the table.

Joseph and Potito's success as a family business in the restaurant industry has been accomplished by translating that love into their work, creating a unique atmosphere, preserving authenticity through freshly imported Italian ingredients and original recipes, and by cultivating a supportive community following. As the first New Town Center development in the Upstate, BridgeWay Station is thrilled to partner with a family business that appeals to individuals, families, and entire neighborhoods alike.

"It is a rare opportunity to find an Italian family that loves the heritage and food in such an incredible way, and we are incredibly fortunate that they immediately fell in love with the Italian themes at BridgeWay" said Phil Hughes, Owner and President of Hughes Investments, Inc. "We look forward to creating a wonderful new place for everyone to come not only enjoy unique design and architecture, but also enjoy authentic Italian food, goods, and beverages."

BridgeWay Station is a multi-phase, mixed-use development actively under construction in Mauldin, SC. BridgeWay Station is located at the exit of Bridges Road off of I-385.

Belladina's Italian Market joins Cohesive Coffee among other announced retail tenants coming to BridgeWay Station. Over 50% of retail space that has already been leased thus far at the development. Subsequent tenant announcements will be made this year. BridgeWay Station also announced late June 2021 that Dodge® Bearings and Power Transmission will relocate 250 employees to a 75,000 SF office building as the development's newest office tenant, where Dodge will have the ability to create a more customer-focused Innovation Center.

The first phase of development at BridgeWay Station will feature approximately 69,939 SF of retail, 210,824 SF of residential, 81,000 SF of institutional development, 75,000 SF of office, 24,691 SF of plaza and pavilion public space, and 5+ acres of parks connected to the Swamp Rabbit Trail and the new, iconic pedestrian bridge spanning I-385.

#### **ABOUT HUGHES INVESTMENTS, INC.**

Hughes Investments, Inc. was founded in 1991 by Phil Hughes to create places of lasting value for quality tenants. Phil and his team have served the Upstate of South Carolina for over 30 years by providing smart, quality growth in ways that serve the local community. Phil and his team have been integral to the successful development of downtown Greenville and its sustainable growth. Hughes Investments develops office, retail, industrial, multifamily, medical, and mixed-use properties, specializing in high quality design, development, leasing, and property management. For more information, please visit [www.hughesinvestments.com](http://www.hughesinvestments.com).