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# Juniper Grill to open in Pleasant Hills

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After successfully launching the first restaurant last year, North Shore-based Restaurant Holdings LP has inked a deal to open a second Juniper Grill, committing to a lease in the [Bill Green's](#) shopping center in Pleasant Hills.

[Pat McDonnell](#), principal of Restaurant Holdings, which is best known for its seven Atria's Restaurants and Taverns located throughout the region, said he signed a lease for an end cap location at the shopping center last week for a 3,700 square foot location, which will also include outdoor dining. He hopes to open by next spring.

It didn't take much research for McDonnell to understand the market there.

"I'm very familiar with that area given that I grew up not too far from there," he said. "It has some real nice density and real solid middle-class demographics."

He expects the restaurant to employ about 50 people.

McDonnell [opened the first Juniper Grill in Peters Township last November](#), telling the Pittsburgh Business Times then that he was already pursuing other locations.

Juniper features Southwestern-inspired cuisine, including a range of smoked meats, salsas and a variety of tequilas.

[Kevin Langholz](#), an owner of the property as well as a principal of Downtown-based Langholz Wilson Ellis Inc., said that drawing Juniper Grill, is helping to spur other new tenants to the

shopping center, which will also see upgrades.

Sports Clips is expected to open in Spring 2012 and Modern Nails will open by the end of this year.

"We continue to have both national and regional retail interest in the shopping center including coffee, yogurt, and specialty retail uses," said Langholz, in an email. "A new façade will be constructed and completed at the shopping center simultaneously with the grand opening of Juniper Grill in late Spring 2012."

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