

510 Lounge and Private Dining Announces Closure

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Minneapolis, MN – Don Saunders, chef-owner of 510 Lounge and Private Dining, announced today that he is closing the restaurant, effective immediately.

Saunders, who also owns The Kenwood Restaurant at 2115 W. 21st St in the Kenwood neighborhood of Minneapolis, cited both personal and business reasons for the unexpected closure.

“The concept for the 510 is a good one, I think,” said Saunders. “Unfortunately, I have come to the realization that I am being spread too thin. My staff has been fantastic, but I can no longer make the personal and financial sacrifices that excelling at both restaurants will require.”

Saunders stated that he has sincere regrets about the sudden closure, particularly because of his commitment to loyal customers, his staff and residents of the 510 Groveland coop residences where the restaurant is located. “This was a massive project, with tremendous time and money committed on both sides. The good news is that the lounge area and kitchen have been beautifully updated, and it’s ready for another restaurateur to take it over and give it the attention it deserves.”

The 510’s closure is bittersweet for Saunders. “I feel really bad – I’ve let a lot of people down, and that fact is keeping me awake at night”, he says. “At the same time, I am really excited about getting back to The Kenwood and pouring my heart and soul into it. The Kenwood is a very special place, and I’ve learned that’s where my focus needs to be.” Plans for The Kenwood include frequent menu tweaks and Chef Saunders’ consistent presence in the kitchen.

For customers who have gift certificates, the options are to use them at The Kenwood, or receive a refund. Please email don@thekenwoodrestaurant.com for more information.

About 510 Lounge and Private Dining

The 510 Lounge and Private Dining opened on July 6, 2017. The space at 510 Groveland in Minneapolis had been previously occupied by La Belle Vie. The building is a residential coop, with historical significance and beautiful 1920’s décor.

About The Kenwood Restaurant

The Kenwood Restaurant is a cozy neighborhood spot, well-loved by residents of the Lakes and South Minneapolis. It’s also a destination restaurant for customers familiar with Saunders’ skill in the kitchen. The Kenwood opened in 2010 and serves breakfast, lunch, brunch and dinner and has enjoyed critical acclaim for both its food and service.

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