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Colorado Tap House breaks ground

New biz at 69th Avenue set for late 2022 opening



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Colorado Tap House from 69th Avenue.
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On June 11, crews broke ground on construction of the Colorado Tap House, a facility located at 14982 W. 69th Ave that will feature family-friendly amenities and an expanded tap. Eric Zeitlow, who co-owns and co-founded Colorado Tap House with his wife Jen, said the project is slated for completion in December 2022 or January 2023.

Once completed, the Tap House will include an outdoor patio, 820 square foot private event room, fire pits and a game area complete with bocce ball, corn hole and other. Zeitlow said the Tap House will be a family-friendly environment that he hopes will become a social hotspot in Western Arvada.

"It's a place for people to hang out with their family and friends and socialize," said Zeitlow. "We're really after the local community. We're going to have some slushie machine game area down by the trail that'll have a giant Connect Four. The whole outdoor area will be dog friendly, so setting will be dog-friendly and family-friendly."

The Zeitlows are 25-year residents of Arvada, and said they grew tired of not having a local hangout to socialize at, prompting them to start Colorado Tap House. Despite neither Zeitlow has a background in restaurant management - Eric has a background in computer systems management, while Jen was a paralegal - they felt motivated to locate to their neighborhood.

"For years, we always said 'Where are the restaurants? Where are the places to hang out?'" said Zeitlow. "We finally got to the point where we said, 'Maybe we can bear the and bring it to West Arvada.' It's just a great community that is desperate for places in the local area that they can go and hang out."

Arvada City Council approved the Zeitlow's proposal for the Tap House on March 2, 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic slowed progress in moving forward with construction had been working with the City to get the final development plans approved and working with the builder to make sure everything was ready to go as soon as conditions v construction.

While the Colorado Tap House will not brew its own beer, Zeitlow said it will feature the best the state has to offer, in addition to newly trendy drinks like hard kombucha : "Basically," said Zeitlow, "it's the best of Colorado, all under one roof."

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