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Dog and Pony Show Brewing Opens for Business

The microbrewery showcases great beer, love of K9s, and a family affair.

June 8, 2021, Oak Park, Michigan – Dog and Pony Show Brewing officially opens its taproom and brewery with a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by the City of Oak Park at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021. The microbrewery, located at 14661 11 Mile Road in Oak Park, is the second establishment with a license to provide bar service to open in the city’s 11 Mile Rd. mixed-use corridor within 90 days.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Dog and Pony Show Brewing as the first microbrewery in the city,” Oak Park City Manager Erik Tungate commented. “It’s an excellent addition to – what has become – our thriving 11 Mile Rd. Corridor.”

“Dog and Pony Show Brewing is all about making great beer and establishing partnerships,” Founder Kyle Gierada said. Gierada plans to partner with food truck businesses, which will serve customers inside the building through a reverse drive-through window. The 7,000 sq. ft. combined taproom and production space was designed by Florida architect Tara Wood Dozark. Her husband, Doug Dozark, owner of Cycle Brewing in St. Petersburg, FL, serves as Gierada’s consulting partner.

“I grew up in a rambunctious household with two younger brothers,” Gierada commented. “Our dad often referred to our household as a ‘dog and pony show’ while we were growing up.” According to Gierada, he will share the responsibility of daily operations with his two brothers, Aaron Gierada, who brings marketing expertise to the venture, and Josh Gierada, who has extensive brewing experience. Gierada co-owns the microbrewery with his wife, Stephanie Gierada, who is responsible for the unique interior design, including a Pewabic-tiled taproom and wallpaper artwork of the family’s dogs designed by Gierada’s cousin Collin Hillyard.

On opening day, Dog and Pony Show Brewing will partner with Old Bruce J BBQ food truck, host a live band, and conduct a raffle for customized t-shirts and Pewabic tiles. “We’re both family- and dog-friendly, so we’ll have games for the kids and our K-9 customers will receive bandanas with our logo,” Gierada added.

“We chose to locate in Oak Park because we were looking for an area where community and city administration were allies,” Kyle Gierada added. “We love the location, and we really felt like the city wanted to help us.”

About the City of Oak Park

[Oak Park](#) is situated on the southern-most border of Oakland County, Michigan, and serves as a suburban ambassador to Detroit. Incorporated as a city in 1945, today Oak Park’s population exceeds 30,000 and is home to more than 700 local businesses and corporate headquarters. Connect with the City of Oak Park on social media: [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

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