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## **OGDEN RIVER BREWING BREAKS GROUND**

The Ogden craft brewing scene gets even better

Ogden, Utah (August 16, 2019) – Ogden River Brewing will finally break ground on their brandnew brewery and pub on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am at 358 Park Blvd, Ogden, Utah 84401. This passion project by former railroad conductor and avid home brewer, Pat Winslow, has been years in the making. Pat first began home brewing back in the early 2000s and soon realized he had a taste and a talent for it. As his retirement from Union Pacific neared, Pat conceived of Ogden River Brewing, a way for him to combine his passion for craft beer with the community of Ogden and provide that community with even more excellently crafted brews. Pat began this project back in 2017 with a Kickstarter that raised \$31,800, and after a couple years of hard work and passion, Ogden River Brewing is about to become a reality.

The motto of Ogden River Brewing is *From the Neighborhood, For the Neighborhood,* and its stated purpose is to be a long term, responsible, and sustainable member of the Ogden community. Ogden River Brewing will feature craft brewed beer, a full bar menu, full lunch and dinner menus, as well as weekend brunch. Sporting main floor and roof top patios with unparalleled views of the Ogden River and the Wasatch Mountains, Ogden River Brewing will provide Ogden with a new and exciting venue for all those who thirst for craft beer.

Ogden River Brewing will be the first of many projects for the recently formed Lotus Craft hospitality group. Formed in early 2019, Lotus Craft was founded by real estate developer Bryan Wrigley, and veteran food and beverage operators Doug Hofeling and James Soares. With Ogden River Brewing as a template, Lotus Craft will be an incubator for local craft entrepreneurs that may not have the wherewithal or experience across the whole spectrum but have vision and passion worthy of investment. "We're excited to allow Pat to truly shine. With his skill and passion backed by our industry-proven practices, we expect to see Ogden River Brewing make a real impact in the community," says Wrigley.

Ogden River Brewing is targeting an early 2020 opening, being one of, if not the first brewery to open after the alcohol by weight limit in Utah changes from 4% to 5%. "There's just a lot more

you can do with beer at 5% ABV than at 4%. We'll be able to have a lot more fun out of the gate," says Winslow, "I've been waiting for this day for a long time, and I'm pumped to finally get it going. We'll be slinging pints before you know it!"

For more information please visit <u>www.ogdenriverbrewing.com</u>, and follow <u>@ogdenriverbrewing</u> on social media.

## About Lotus Company

Lotus Company began its creative journey in 2007 with the acquisition and renovation of a 42unit apartment complex in downtown Salt Lake City. Founder and CEO, Bryan Wrigley, set out to create a company defined by its entrepreneurial spirit, unmatched expertise and collaborative partnerships.

Lotus has set the bar for thoughtful design and sustainability, evolving into an award- winning property venture organization recognized for its mastery in urban infill and revitalization, large-scale residential & commercial mixed-use projects.

Lotus Craft was formed in 2019 to further Lotus' vision of creating extraordinary value in spaces otherwise overlooked. The Lotus Craft family of brands currently includes craft beer brewing, small- batch distilling and coffee roasting, as well as restaurant and bar ownership. This marriage of real estate and hospitality ventures support and strengthen the fabric of our communities, creating gathering spaces where connections are built and bolstered.

Lotus Company has created a \$200 million ground-up asset portfolio and has a \$260 million development pipeline of some of the most diverse and interesting projects along the Wasatch Front. For more information, please visit <u>www.lotuscompany.com</u>