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## **Longtime Eastown Restaurant to Close for Renovations and Rebrand**

*Brandywine will reopen under a new name in December 2016*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (September 2016) --- Brandywine, a longtime restaurant located at the corner of Lake Drive and Robinson Road in Eastown, will close its doors Monday, September 26, to prepare for an extensive renovation and rebrand. A new concept will launch in December 2016.

“Brandywine is a well-loved restaurant within this neighborhood,” said Eric Chaitin, owner of Brandywine’s Eastown location. “Our team is excited to further develop and expand its reputation by introducing a new concept, a new space, a new name, and a new menu – while honoring the history, tradition, and character of Brandywine and the Eastown neighborhood.”

The new venture – a diner-like concept – will feature breakfast items all day, as well as sandwiches piled with corned beef or pastrami, potato latkes, extra thick cut bacon, homemade pies, hand cut fries, root beer floats, and more. A full bar will also be introduced to the new location, with handcrafted cocktails and Bloody Mary’s. All current Brandywine staff will be retained.

Chaitin has been in the restaurant business for more than 30 years. He began his cooking career at a summer home for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He gained experience at the Hotel Intercontinental and the Ritz Carlton in Chicago and was Executive Chef at Lettuce Entertain You. He was mentored by Dennis Terczak, owner of Sole Mio. In early 2000, Chaitin became the Executive Chef at Roses on Reeds Lake, where he and his team won Restaurant of the Year. He spent 10 years at the Watermark Properties, where he won Chef of the Year twice. Eric and his wife, Sue, own Ottawa Beach Inn and Ottawa Beach Pizza Co. in Holland, Michigan, as well as Mermaid Bar & Grill, in Saugatuck, Michigan.

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