



**For Immediate Release**



## Dog Lane Café set to open today in Storrs Center

December 28, 2012 (*Mansfield, CT*) – When it opens this evening in Storrs Center, Dog Lane Café will become the newest member of a trio of restaurants owned by brothers Barry and Brian Jessurun – joining The Vanilla Bean Café located in Pomfret and 85 Main Street in Putnam. Dog Lane Café will feature a menu with grilled items, salads, sandwiches, and daily specials, with an emphasis on seasonal, freshly-prepared food, and will also offer a self-service coffee bar. It will be open daily serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The restaurant’s design will accommodate year-round business with comfortable indoor seating and plenty of outdoor patio seating in the warmer months.

Barry Jessurun states, “We were aware of the Storrs Center project for a long time and thought it had great potential for a restaurant like this. The demographic mix of residents, students, faculty, and visitors seems just right to us. Storrs Center will be an excellent home to Dog Lane Café, and we are hopeful for a warm welcome from old and new friends here.”

“We are extremely pleased that Dog Lane Café will open its doors today and feel it will become a prominent destination in Storrs Center,” said Howard Kaufman, Managing Member of LeylandAlliance LLC, the parent company of developer Storrs Center Alliance. “The Vanilla Bean

Café is a beloved, award winning country café – along with 85 Main, and the Jessurun restaurants are winners of numerous awards. We fully expect Dog Lane Café to follow in the esteemed footprints (or dog tracks?) of the Vanilla Bean and 85 Main. We congratulate Barry and Brian Jessurun. We think Dog Lane Café is sure to become a great tradition in Mansfield for years to come!”

On Saturday, December 29, visitors to Dog Lane Café will enjoy music by the Mike Casey Jazz Quartet. Mike is a Mansfield native and a current student at the Hartt School/Jackie McLean Institute of Jazz in Hartford. The Mike Casey Jazz Quartet will play from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

For more information about Dog Lane Café, visit [www.doglanecafe.com](http://www.doglanecafe.com). You can also follow @doglanecafe on Twitter and connect with the Café on Facebook at the Dog Lane Café fan page.

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*Storrs Center is a mixed-use town center and main street corridor at the crossroads of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut and the University of Connecticut. Located along Storrs Road adjacent to the University, the Town Hall, the regional high school, and the community center, Storrs Center knits thoughtful architecture, pedestrian-oriented streets, and public spaces into a series of small neighborhoods that make up the new fabric of the town center. Ground floor retail and commercial uses opening onto landscaped sidewalks reinforce traditional street front activity and is supported by residences above and shared community spaces. Storrs Center combines retail, restaurant, and office uses with residential apartments.*

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