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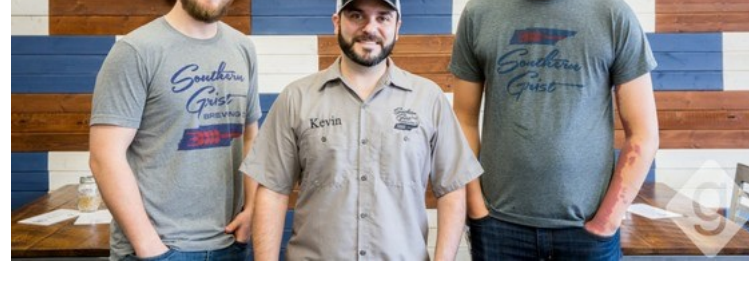
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### Southern Grist Brewing Company

For the second time, we teamed with owners of the popular Southern Grist Brewing Company, Jamie Lee, Kevin Antoon, and Jared Welch to bring their newest brewery location on line. As the construction team on their first taproom in East Nashville, we wanted to ensure their second location created as much buzz as their first.

The new location is now open in the West Nashville neighborhood, The Nations. This brewery's new home has more than 7,000 square feet of warehouse space for brewing operations, a 2,000 square-foot taproom, and a 1,200 square foot patio in the Stocking 51 building at the corner of 51st Avenue North and Centennial Boulevard.



L to R: Jared Welch, Kevin Antoon, and Jamie Lee  
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Southern Grist Taproom in East Nashville  
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It has been a privilege for us at Dowdle Construction Group to work with these guys on both taproom locations. As young, successful entrepreneurs we asked them how Southern Grist came to be and Kevin responded-

"Jamie and I used to brew in my garage, and always talked about opening a brewery 'one day.' That one day came sooner than we thought. We saw an opening in the market and started working up a creative business plan. We got connected with

Jared, who brewed incredible beer at his home as well. We knew then we had something special. It has been a wild 2-year ride, and we look forward to the continued innovation and success in the coming years."



Suspended by air craft cables, the custom logoed ceiling element seen in this photo is made from rough sawn wood to match the look of the bar.



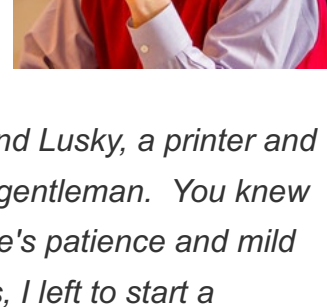
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Photo of the large patio space in the new The Nations location.

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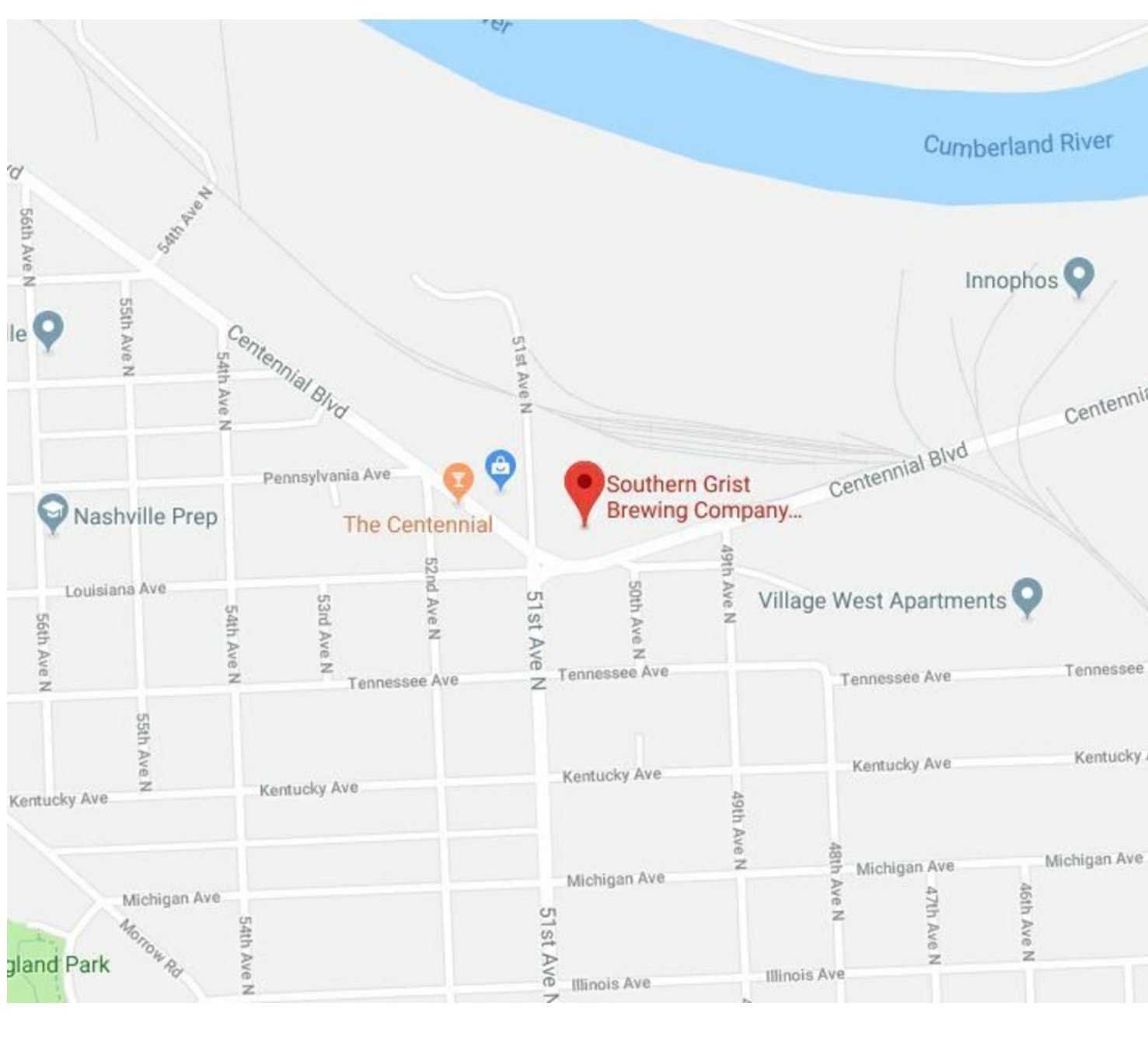
In this newsletter we celebrate with Southern Grist on their fantastic reception to their new location in the The Nations neighborhood. People my age would say that the three young owners are 'good people.' Behind all 'good people' are parents and mentors that have helped us succeed. Kevin Antoon, one of the Southern Grist founders, told us his mentors were his Dad and Grant Clarke, a friend and former boss.



When I moved to Nashville in my mid-twenties, I worked in sales with Francis and Lusky, a printer and ad specialty company. One of my bosses, Monnie Lusky, was and still is a true gentleman. You knew exactly what Monnie expected of you. Looking back, I hope that some of Monnie's patience and mild manner rubbed off on me. After working with Francis and Lusky for seven years, I left to start a construction business in 1985. Although Monnie wanted me to stay, he encouraged me to follow my dream.

Recently, I treated Monnie and his son, Larry to lunch. We met at Darfons near the airport. Monnie drove himself to lunch from his office in Brentwood. Little did I know, we were going to celebrate Monnie's 97th birthday! I am thankful for Monnie and others that have been a positive influence in my life.

- Glynn Dowdle, President of Dowdle Construction Group



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