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The future Pike Flats will also be home to a new restaurant project from Seattle music luminaries

It's a **Capitol Hill Block Party**-worthy plan. A project involving two Seattle music super couples will create a new restaurant — but not a new music venue — in the under construction **Pike Flats** at the corner of Pike and Harvard.

“It’s a project we’ve dreamed about and the stars aligned,” **Steven Severin** tells CHS. “It’s going to be so dope.”



Severin and **Leigh Sims** are the **Neumos** couple in the mix. According to state corporation records, the duo have formed a company with Seattle's first family of independent radio, **Amy** and **John Richards**. Yup — John in the Morning of **KEXP**.

Amy is likely the foodie in the equation with past plans for a juice cafe. She and John **are vegan** — we're going to guess that the new place will be, too. The couple also operate a company together offering musical programming services.

Details beyond that are slim. **The Pike Flats building** is currently under construction at the corner where **95 Slide** used to stand where it will create 26,000 square feet of residential space in a seven-story building. At around 90 units, the average living space will be a tidy 288 square feet. Comparatively, the restaurant is slated to weigh in around 2,200 square feet.

The building from developers **Tyler Carr** and **Kelten Johnson** will eventually have **a huge mural** and the new restaurant will join a block now **home to the Redhook Brewlab** and **Salt and Straw's Capitol Hill outpost**. **Skidmore Janette** is the architect.

Severin says they don't expect to open the new project until next year. And, plenty more secrets remain including what the new restaurant will be called. Given the people involved, we're going to assume it will probably rock.



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