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Storied Portland restaurant finds a new Northwest Portland home

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Three months after serving its last dinner from its longtime Northwest Portland location, a Portland culinary favorite has found itself a new home.

Besaw's, which closed its doors in May after [a lengthy dispute with its landlord](#), has signed a lease for space in the LL Hawkins Building at the corner of Northwest 21st Avenue and Northwest Raleigh Street. The building is part of the new Con-way development and sits near New Seasons' newest Portland store in the Slabtown Marketplace.

In a release about the new location, Besaw's owner [Cana Flug](#) said she was excited that the restaurant would be able to stay in the same neighborhood that it called home for the past century. She said the new Besaw's will hang on to the best of its former iteration while also weaving in new touches.



Flug worked with Urban Works Real Estate, Meriwether Group, Cairn Pacific and Capstone Partners on finding a new home for the restaurant.

That includes chef Michael Uhnak bringing back some of Besaw's favorites while also creating signature new offerings. The new location will also have an outdoor patio and a custom-built brick oven.

"It is foremost in our intention to be both reverential to our storied past, yet ambitious in our reach toward the future.," Flug said. "We've made every effort to preserve the heart and soul of Besaw's, to create a gathering place that will feed Portlanders for another 112 years."

In addition to the new Besaw's, Flug said she is also preparing to announce a tandem restaurant project that will be a complementary business to Besaw's.

The new location is expected to open this fall in time for the holidays with many of its former staffers and managers. It will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Flug and [C.E. John](#) had [reached a settlement over the ownership of the Besaw's name](#) in June. The two sides had haggled over such specifics through much of the late spring.

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