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## 'The Refinery' Restaurant to Open in Former Belletete's Store

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Brian MacKenzie and AJ Giglio are hard at work on The Refinery, a new neighborhood restaurant and bar coming to Andover. They're transforming the old RP Johnson (Belletetes) showroom on Mill Road with open seating for up to 100 diners to enjoy refined tavern food like sandwiches, steaks, and seafood, plus a grab-and-go market with prepared foods like salads and barbecue.

Both Brian and AJ are well-known in the area. Brian owned the Inn at Pleasant Lake for many years and recently ran the Wise Center at Proctor, and AJ's Brothers House of Smoke has brought traditional southern cooking to many area events with its mobile kitchen trailer. The Refinery will start serving dinner in the spring, with plans to expand into lunch at some point and maybe add entertainment some day.



Former U.S. Congressman John K. Delaney, candidate for the 2020 Democratic Party nomination for President of the United States, visited the Andover Barn at Highland Lake Inn for a public "meet and greet" opportunity on Feb. 13. Part of a whirlwind tour of the state, the stop in Andover was the first by a presidential candidate since 2011, when Republican contender Mitt Romney came to town. Delaney's appearance, organized by the Andover Democrats, drew an audience of about 35. Delaney represented Maryland's sixth district from 2013 to 2019.

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