



Cosimo's Brick Oven

inside Westfield Southgate Mall
3501 S. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 34239
(941) 363-0211

www.cosimos.net

Cosimo's Too!

inside Westfield Sarasota Square Mall
8201 S. Tamiami Trail Sarasota FL 34238
(941) 927-3800

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sarasota, FL—June 6, 2011

Signs of improvement in Sarasota's economy can be seen at Cosimo's Brick Oven as owners John and Susie Ganley are experiencing increased traffic in their Westfield Southgate restaurant and a boost in consumer expenditure. They had hoped to see the same signs of recovery at their second restaurant location at Westfield Sarasota Square. Unfortunately, the decision was made to permanently close Cosimo's Too! after two and a half years in operation. The Ganleys wish to thank their customers and the community for their support and patronage of the restaurant. "Regretfully, this was a business decision that had to be made; the restaurant has not been able to sustain itself with the region's ongoing economic issues."

Cosimo's Too! was opened on January 2009 despite the financial climate at the time. "When Westfield executives approached us three years ago with the opportunity to expand our restaurant concept to Sarasota Square, both parties were aware of the risks involved due to the challenging economy," says owner John Ganley.

The closing of Cosimo's Too! does not affect operations of the Ganleys' original restaurant, Cosimo's Brick Oven (open since 1998) or their catering division. They are assuring all employees that they will receive their final paychecks and many of the employees will be offered positions with Cosimo's Brick Oven in Westfield Southgate.

Moving forward, they plan to refocus their efforts on their flagship location and expand their catering division. The Ganleys encourage the community to continue to enjoy their "Seriously Good Italian" cuisine at their Westfield Southgate restaurant location and look forward to new and exciting offerings with their catering operations.

Cosimo's Brick Oven remains open and in full operation at the Westfield Southgate Mall at 3501 S. Tamiami Trail. For more information, visit the website at www.cosimos.net.

###