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Southlands is Ready for Race Day with a new event, Kentucky Derby Celebration

Live music, food, themed cocktails, contests and giveaways

Aurora, Colo. (April 13, 2022) – Southlands Shopping Center invites the community to don their fancy hats and seersucker suits for its inaugural Kentucky Derby Celebration on May 7, from 2:30-5 p.m.

"As a new event for Southlands, our Kentucky Derby celebration will be an afternoon of fun centered around this legendary horse race done 'Southlands style.' We are always looking for fun ways to engage the community and we think the Kentucky Derby Celebration is a great kick off to our event season."" said Joyce Rocha, senior director of marketing.

Highlights include live music from Montage, lawn games, food and signature drinks from Southlands restaurants, contests, prizes and, of course, the running of the Kentucky Derby on the big screen.

Restaurants such as Ted's Montana Grill, The Lost Cajun, Bad Daddy's Burger Bar, Bent Barley Brewing Company and Legends Coffee will be selling light bites along with beverages of all kinds to celebrate this festive event.

Southlands will give away gift card prizes for various contests such as best hat and best dressed. Everyone is encouraged to dress up in their finest seersucker pants, spring dresses and derby hats.

Derby perfect outfits can be found at Southlands' Apricot Lane and Mainstream Boutique. Southlands' newest women's clothing store, Calla Vie Boutique, will even carry hats and fascinators.

There will also be a Kid's Corral with various games and miniature horses from Peachy Farms, a local charitable organization that helps the elderly, special needs community, and young children by providing therapy and education with their farm animals.

Complete information about the event can be found at www.shopsouthlands.com/events-programs.

About Southlands Shopping Center

Southlands is a 1.7 million square foot outdoor shopping center located in Aurora, Colorado at E-470 and Smoky Hill Road. It is Colorado's largest retail destination featuring more than 150 stores, restaurants and entertainment options such as: Barnes and Noble, H&M, Dick's Sporting Goods, Sephora, Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works, Petco, Ulta, Best Buy, AMC Southlands 16 Theatres, Buffalo Wild Wings, Ted's Montana Grill and many more. Find us on social media at @shopsouthlands on Instagram and Facebook.

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