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Park life gets a boost as two new retailers arrive

Winick Realty Group LLC, in partnership with Spandrel Property Services, Inc., announced that two new retail concepts have leased space at One Brooklyn Bridge Park, the waterfront complex that has brought 438 residences and approximately 72,000 s/f of retail and restaurant space to Brooklyn Heights.

Diana D. Boutross, her associate Lee Block and Ian Levine, principal of Spandrel Property Services, Inc. represented ownership, as well as the tenants, in both long-term deals.

Brooklyn Bridge Bark, a pet boutique that provides daycare, overnight boarding, grooming, training and the latest in specialty products promoting canine wellness, leased a 1,760 s/f ground-floor space on Park Drive.

"We envision our store to be a place where customers feel comfortable stopping by to seek one-on-one advice on anything canine related, whether it be about nutrition or curtailing a problem behavior like excessive barking," said John Squires, president of Brooklyn Bridge Bark, Inc.

"One Brooklyn Bridge, being right next to the Pier 6 Dog Run in this gorgeous park, is a prime location that lends itself



to that type of playful exchange and social activity."

Waterfront Wines and Spirits leased 1,170 s/f on Joralemon Street for a boutique wine store that will specialize in small production European wines and boutique spirits from around the world, many of which will be organic.

Waterfront Wines and Spirits will also offer daily tastings and a variety of classes.

Set to open in autumn 2011, the space is being designed by Tony-nominated scenic designer Alexander Dodge. "The building is an ideal location for a boutique wine store. It of-

fers a great mix of the historic charm of Brooklyn Heights and the transforming waterfront," said Donald Killinger, a partner in the company along with Maio Martinez, owner of Sample Wines and Ben Bohlen, currently the manager of a wine store in Lower Manhattan. "We think we're a perfect amenity for both the residents of the building and the larger neighborhood around us."

Boutross and Levine are still marketing the remaining retail availabilities at One Brooklyn Bridge Park, which includes two restaurant spaces and potential for a 30,000 s/f supermarket location.

"We have been working with many different tenants," said Boutross. "There has been a lot of interest in the restaurant locations in particular, but also from day spas, sporting and bicycle companies and apparel tenants." Levine, who is also the managing agent of the property, said, "We believe Brooklyn Bridge Bark and Waterfront Wines and Spirits will serve the needs of our homeowners, community and park patrons very well. "Concurrently, however, we continue to work with other potential tenants that will foster even more community and recreational life at the property and entrance into New York's newest park."