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The Melrose pub owner plans Charlotte Avenue location

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[Austin Ray](#), owner of The Melrose pub in Berry Hill, has purchased the former Lavender Motors site at the corner of Charlotte Avenue and 45th Avenue, where he plans to open his next project.

Ray — through the entity Melrose Pub Real Estate Holdings LLC— paid \$440,000 for the property at 4408 Charlotte Ave..

The seller was [George Spiva](#), who purchased the property in March for \$400,000.

Renovation work on the building has begun.

"I'm excited to bring my newest project to West Nashville and I'm confident the neighborhoods nearby, including Sylvan Park and Historic West Town, will welcome new business to the area and the revitalization of a vacant building," said Ray in a press release. "I'm still finalizing plans for the project, but since the real estate transaction has taken place, I'm eager to announce that I'll be bringing something fun to the neighborhood."

Though Ray was coy about his specific plans for the project in the release, a \$350,000 building permit was recently issued to rehabilitate the building to make way for "The Melrose II restaurant."

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