

Three large industrial buildings coming to 54-acre site

DOWNERS GROVE — Bridge Development Partners LLC has announced the acquisition of a 54-acre infill site in Downers Grove with plans to build three industrial distribution buildings totaling 680,420 square feet.

Bridge Point Downers Grove is at the northwest quadrant of Finley Road and Lacey Road. Bridge will construct three new state-of-the-art distribution facilities totaling 680,420 square feet. Building one will encompass 175,120 square feet, building two will total 213,460 square feet and building three will be the largest at 291,840 square feet.

The seller, an undisclosed national developer that historically focuses more on other product types held the property for decades, but due to the strength of the Chicago Industrial market, decided to sell the site for industrial development.



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LaSalle St. Securities, Kentucky credit union form partnership

ELMHURST — LaSalle St. Securities, based in Elmhurst, said it has added Kentucky-based L & N Federal Credit Union to its growing network of financial adviser affiliations.

Grael Barker, Chet Winn and Phyllis Spears, who collectively manage over \$100 million in client assets under the name of L & N Investment Services, chose to join LaSalle St. after LPL Financial announced the buyout of their previous broker/dealer, Invest Financial. "At LaSalle St. Securities, we like to partner with firms that share our values. L & N serves its clients with the same type of personalization and care we show to our clients, and we look forward to providing our like-minded new partner with the high-end affiliation experience they deserve," said Mark Contey, LaSalle St. Securities' SVP of Business Development.

Russell Martin Carpets earns top honor in flooring contest

NAPERVILLE — Naperville company Russell Martin Carpets and Rugs took second place at the World Floor Covering Association's Gold Standard Awards in the under \$10 million in sales volume category.

Russell Martin was named the No. 2 store out of all of the hardwood, tile, laminate and carpet stores in the world for quality, ethics and community Service. The WFCA judges applicants on knowledgeable management and staff who stay actively informed on the industry, provision of courteous service throughout the purchase process and maintenance of the store.

"We really pride ourselves on offering our customers the best possible experience, so to not just be recognized for that by the WFCA, but to win second in the world, is truly an honor," said Sam Martin of Russell Martin.

Che Figata Italian restaurant, market set to open this spring

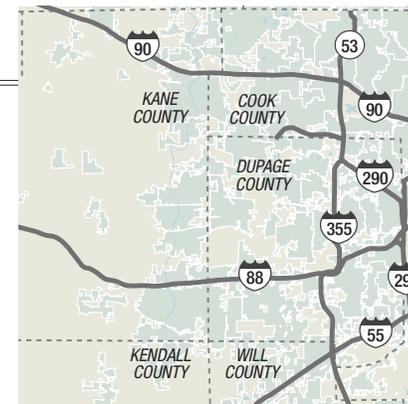
NAPERVILLE — Che Figata, an Italian restaurant with a European-style market, is expected to open its first location in Naperville this spring.

The name of the eatery, pronounced keh fee-GAH-tah, means "that's cool," and was inspired by the slang expression used in Italy when discovering something special. The 7,500-square-foot-restaurant seats about 220 including a patio. It is located next to Hotel Arista at CityGate Centre and will focus on an "Italy to Table" theme, said executive chef and founder Mark Grimes.

Additionally, a European-style marketplace will feature ready-made dishes, pastas, sauces and wines for shoppers to bring home.

Jersey Mike's Subs opening on County Farm Road

WHEATON — Jersey Mike's Subs, known for its grilled subs, will open a second Wheaton location at County



Farm Road and Route 38 on Feb. 14. Jim Shipman is the franchise owner of the new restaurant, at 2115 W. Roosevelt Road. This is the ninth store for Shipman. He opened his first Jersey Mike's in 2010 in Geneva. His others are in St. Charles, South Elgin, Downers Grove, Mount Prospect, Elmhurst, Oakbrook Terrace and Bartlett.

Developer drops controversial Campana apartment plan

BATAVIA — A controversial plan to put 80 apartments into the former Campana factory building in Batavia has ended.

The developer, Evergreen Real Estate Group, withdrew its application through a recent letter, said Batavia Community Development Director Scott Buening. Evergreen unveiled the plan in May 2017. It called for 64 of the 80 apartments to be government-supported housing, mostly for low-income tenants. Evergreen would finance construction in part by selling Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.

It had received an allocation of \$1.34 million, and the sale of the credits could generate up to \$14 million in equity, according to the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

The developer said the plans were withdrawn because the company believed it couldn't get the votes.



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President Sean Michels of the village of Sugar Grove; President Dale Berman of the village of North Aurora; Mayor Richard C. Irvin of the city of Aurora; President Matt Brolley of the village of Montgomery.

Convention & visitors bureau celebrates 30th anniversary

AURORA — The Aurora Area Convention & Visitors Bureau celebrated 30 years of promoting tourism at its 30th Anniversary Celebration.

The event was held at the J.A. Air Center at the Aurora Municipal Airport in Sugar Grove.

Thirty years ago, the communities of Aurora, Montgomery, North Aurora and Sugar Grove came together to establish the bureau in order to attract visitors to the region.

At the celebration, the current mayors of the "original four" communities honored the bureau by signing a ceremonial resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the organization and its contribution to economic development, revitalization, and social prosperity in the Aurora area.



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