

TWO HEN HOUSES IN PRAIRIE VILLAGE WILL GET REVAMPED



Prairie Village's two Hen House Markets are about to get makeovers.

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If all goes as planned, the Hen House in Corinth Square Shopping Center, at 4050 W. 83rd St., will start renovations this fall and finish in spring 2013. The Hen House in the Prairie Village Shops, 6950 Mission Lane, will start renovations in March and finish about six months later, nearly doubling in size from 18,000 square feet to 32,000 square feet. Officials with Hen House confirmed the renovations.

Lane4 Property Group Inc., leasing agent and property manager for the two centers, also wants to tear down the former Waid's restaurant building at 6920 Mission Road and replace it with a 5,000-square-foot building that could house two to four tenants. Waid's recently closed in the center.

A rendering for the proposed red brick building set to replace Waid's shows a "gourmet coffee" shop on the corner. Sources said two current tenants of the Prairie Village Shops — Einstein Bros Bagels and Starbucks — are considering moving to the new building. Starbucks could then have a drive-through. No leases have been signed.

Owen Buckley, president of Lane4, said the Prairie Village Shops' Mission Lane streetscape also would be upgraded using a "Norman Rockwell theme." The lane would be better for pedestrians and have lush landscaping with red oak and green ash trees, decorative lampposts and benches.

Top tenants

Summit Fair in Lee's Summit is getting two new tenants, both scheduled to open in late October.

Freebirds World Burrito plans to open a restaurant at 860 N.W. Blue Parkway, Suite W, in the former B:2 burger restaurant space. Freebirds is a fast-casual restaurant chain concentrating on made-to-order items. Customers walk down a line while choosing from four burrito sizes, four tortilla flavors (spinach, flour, cayenne or wheat) and a variety of fillings. The company recently entered the area market with a location in Mission.

Chico's, a women's clothing and accessories chain, plans to open a store in a new Summit Fair space at 860 N.W. Blue Parkway, Suite H.

Summit Fair is a 500,000-square-foot development at Interstate 470 and U.S. 50. Anchor tenants are J.C. Penney and Macy's.

Quick bites

- Pickleman's Gourmet Cafe continues to expand in the metro. It plans to open at 5050 Oak St., by the University of Missouri-Kansas City, in mid-September, in the former Red Mango and Larry's Giant Subs spaces.

A Pickleman's also recently opened at 7224 W. 135th St. in Overland Park, and plans call for more locations.

Pickleman's serves soups, toasted sandwiches, fresh chopped salads and thin-crust pizza.

Menu items include Italian club, Asiago chicken club and meatball with marinara sandwiches; Buffalo chicken salads and tomato basil bisque.

- Saints Pub + Patio, an "upscale sports bar," is taking the former O'Charley's restaurant building at 20220 E. Jackson Drive, Independence (at Interstate 70 and Blue Parkway). It is scheduled to open in early November.

Saints also has a location in Lenexa and one in Lawrence, as well as two in Iowa. It also plans to open a sports bar in Omaha in early November.

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