

2 centers begun on Pinal

Stores, banks to be at McCartney Road

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Phoenix-based Evergreen Development and Tucson-based Diamond Ventures have broken ground on their joint venture Villago Marketplace and Villago Village retail centers, located at the northeast and southwest corners of McCartney Road and Pinal Avenue in north Casa Grande.

Villago Marketplace, on the northeast corner, will feature a Fry's Marketplace grocery and general merchandise store, a Chase bank branch, a McDonald's restaurant and several other retailers, restaurants and service uses. The first phase of construction includes five buildings that will total approximately 145,000 square feet of retail space. Fry's will occupy approximately 107,000 square feet of that first phase, which is scheduled for completion in spring 2008.

Villago Village, to the southwest, will feature a Walgreens Drug Store, a Tutor Time child care and learning center and a Wells Fargo bank branch.

The centers are situated on approximately 34 acres and are surrounded by a high-quality master planned community. "Our design and concept for Villago Marketplace and Villago Village reflect the style and ambience under way in the area," said Gregg Alpert, chief operating officer for Evergreen Development. "The centers will provide a high-end architectural appeal with a pedestrian-friendly site design."

Butler Design of Phoenix serves as building architect for both centers. Infrastructure Design of Phoenix is handling site work construction. Volk Company serves as leasing agent for Villago Marketplace and Villago Village.

Founded in 1974, Evergreen has a core business in the development of specialty, neighborhood and community shopping centers, drug stores, freestanding store expansions and residential communities. During the past 30 years, Evergreen has developed more than 250 projects in Arizona, California, Washington and Oregon.