



Rancho Gabriela homes to get 3 commercial plazas

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Surprise's built-out Rancho Gabriela housing development is set to receive its first of three commercial plazas within the coming year.

The community of more than 2,000 homes on the city's southern boundary will soon have:

- A shopping complex at the southeastern corner of Reems and Cactus roads. Construction has begun on a Kohl's department store that will anchor the center. A bank, a gas station and two drive-through restaurants also are part of the project.
- The second complex to go up will be a strip mall at the southwestern corner of Bullard Avenue and Cactus Road. It will have a fast-food restaurant and a stand-alone storefront. The complex is expected to be the smallest of the three projects.
- Site plans for a third center are expected to make it before the council within the next three months. The project, called Gabriela Plaza, is to be built at the northwestern corner of Peoria and Bullard avenues. The 30-acre complex will house a 470,000-square-foot mini-storage facility. It will also include 175,000 square feet of office and retail space.

The three projects are scheduled for completion by fall 2008.