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buckeye

Mixed-use project to include retail, office, distribution site

Retail and office space and a distribution center are planned for the Buckeye Business Center, a new development coming to west Phoenix.

The mixed-use project will be built along Lower Buckeye Road between 87th and 83rd avenues. The completion date for the development is the fourth quarter of 2008.

Scottsdale-based Five Star Development is heading the project, which is estimated to cost up to \$40 million.

Located at 67th Avenue and Van Buren Street, the complex features two 250,000-square-foot Class A warehouses. Tenants include CVS/Pharmacy and Owens & Minor, a medical-products supplier.

Work on the first project, a 490,000-square-foot distribution center - is scheduled to begin by June 1.

goodyear

Suncor Development plans hub for home furnishings

Goodyear residents will soon have an easier way of cozying up their homes.

Tempe-based Suncor Development Co. is creating the At Home District in Goodyear, with stores mostly focusing on home furnishings and accessories.

Suncor plans to break ground on the 53-acre project later this year at Pebble Creek Parkway and Interstate 10, near Westcor's planned Estrella Falls mall.

Suncor plans to include restaurants, a gourmet grocer and a pedestrian-friendly layout to the district, which could have 40 to 100 tenants.

tempe

New shops, restaurant part

of Arizona Mills renovation

Arizona Mills mall will open five stores in addition to renovating many others for its upcoming 10th anniversary.

The mall at U.S. 60 and Priest Drive drew crowds when it opened in November 1997 as an outlet mall.

But it has since faced competition from Chandler Fashion Center, opened in October 2001, and Mesa's Fiesta Mall, which opened in 1979 and is being revamped by Westcor.

New youth-oriented stores include Ecco, Oakley Vault and Demo.

Ecco, selling apparel, footwear and accessories, will be opening in May. Oakley Vault will open in June, selling sunglasses, goggles, apparel, footwear and accessories. Hip-hop fashion retailer Demo will open in May, selling men's and women's clothing.

The former Krispy Kreme store on the eastern edge of the mall's parking lot will be replaced by El Pollo Loco, a fast-food restaurant, in early summer.

Also opening is a Gymboree Outlet, a children's apparel retailer, and a Lady Foot Locker specializing in athletic footwear.

gilbert

Airline may offer LA service at Williams Gateway Airport

An airline that hopes to expand Williams Gateway Airport service to the Los Angeles area says its fares will be competitive with US Airways and Southwest Airlines.

SkyValue is in negotiations to start flights between Williams Gateway, on the Gilbert/

Mesa boundary, and LA/Ontario International Airport in Southern California, said Darrell Richardson, SkyValue chief executive.

If a deal is reached, service would start in June or July.

Flights would be offered three times a week. The airplane that arrives in Mesa from Gary/Chicago International Airport in Indiana on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays would continue to Ontario, and the plane that goes to Gary would start its trip in Ontario.

The company started service between Williams Gateway and Gary in December.

Nevada-based Xtra Airways flies the company's passengers on a Boeing 737-800.

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