

City of Golden Memorandum



To: City Council
Thru: Michael C. Bestor, City Manager
From: Steve Glueck, Director of Planning and Development
Mark Heller, GURA Executive Director
Date: April 4, 2008
Re: Retail Business Update

Just a few retail updates for which Council may want to have notice:

- The former Rhapsody's space has been leased. The new restaurant will be called Grappa Mediterranean Bistro. The owners may also open a crepe café in the smaller corner this summer. Grappa's owners recently sold their restaurant L'Absinthe in Boulder and will model the new venture after one of Boulder's best-performing restaurants The Med. They have also operated restaurants in Aspen, Snowmass, Dallas, and Houston.
- A new ladies clothing store has opened downtown in the 1200 block of Washington Avenue, where the real estate office has relocated. The name of the store is "Juna", and they have relocated from Bergen Park.
- Janna's Place is under new ownership and is now called The Alley. It has been redecorated and it offers a wider selection of sandwiches and other foods.
- The Vintner's Cellar has opened in the new Jackson Court building along 12th Street. They offer wine tastings, parties, and private labels.
- Golden Sweets, a malt shop and chocolate store, has begun its build out in Gateway Station. They hope to be open in May.
- The long unfinished project at 1300 Washington Avenue will now be gearing up, with Planning Commission's approval of revised architecture on April 2nd. The rest of the brick façade will be removed in the next few days, and the renovation should proceed.
- The division of the Foss Building into four retail spaces and some office area is proceeding with the new storefronts to be installed later this month.
- Although the Good Karma Bakery (cookie store) has closed on 13th Street, the owner indicates interest in the space already.
- A new sporting goods store named "Big 5" has leased the old "Paper Warehouse" space at the Golden Town Center (King Soopers area) on South Golden Road, and should receive their tenant finish building permit soon.
- A number of businesses have started work or submitted building permits for the almost complete building at the entry to Interplaza. These businesses include:
 - A restaurant named "Little Ricci's"
 - A new Subway store
 - A nail salon

- A Department of Motor Vehicles outlet. (It will be nice to get drivers licenses right here in Golden)
- Although not strictly a retail business, there is also a new bakery named “Grateful Bread” moving into the 6 and 40 Business Park on Colfax by Interplaza.

If Council has questions about any of these projects, please advise.