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Crile Road development continuing to boost key Concord Township business corridor

Hotel, Chipotle also will soon be constructed

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Since a mid-July 2016 groundbreaking ceremony announcing the ambitious retail development destined for Crile Crossing Plaza, the Concord Township business corridor's evolution hasn't stopped.

After the ever popular <u>Starbucks opened early last year</u>, casual chain restaurants <u>Pizza Roto</u> and <u>Burgers 2 Beer</u> followed, and were immediate hits.

Now, the corridor recently welcomed <u>Expert Nails & Spa</u>, the second in the region (the other located in Mentor), and <u>Great Clips hair salon</u>.

And the economic development beat goes on, with opening summer

dates anticipated for Subway, Pet Valu and a yoga studio.

Plans for a Chipotle Mexican Grill, a hotel and a prospective grocer are also set to become a reality in the area.

"We've signed Chipotle and will be starting construction on their building any day now," said Lance Osborne, president and CEO of Osborne Capital Group in Mentor.

Construction is ongoing at Pet Valu, Subway and the yoga site.

Chipotle's zoning has been approved by the township on the outparcel in front of Pizza Roto across from Starbucks.

"They're all but ready to rock," said Concord Township Trustee Chris Galloway. "Building permits are finalized."

A four-floor Holiday Inn Express will be constructed behind the existing Crile Hardware store.

"That is just beginning in February and March to go through its zoning process," Galloway said. "We've been talking to hotel groups for about four years, but no one had actually done anything to commit. Nothing happens until someone actually buys the property and brings you plans."

Discount Drug Mart's timetable has seen a range of dates, but Galloway believes the business will open sometime in April.

"We're very excited about that," he said. "We pursued getting a drugstore to Concord for years."

Since the mid-October <u>closing of the family-owned Reider's Market</u>, which had operated in Concord Township since 2004, its vacancy has stirred conjecture as to what, if any, grocer seek to occupy the space.

Galloway, unable to disclose preliminary prospective interests, said the township will be able to announce something soon.

"Talks have begun, we recently had a meeting on site," he added, rebuffing social media speculation regarding potential names. "We're very close. I think people will be very happy with the end result."

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