



Community Development Department

DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

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Gilman Precision Solar Energy System

The Plan Commission approved a conditional use permit for a ground-mounted solar panel array in the vacant area east of the existing Gilman building at 1230 Cheyenne Avenue. The array will occupy 79,000 square feet and consist of 1,036 375 watt solar modules in 12 rows running parallel to Washington Street. The solar energy generated will be used to offset Gilman's electrical use. Construction is anticipated to be complete by August.

Dollar Tree at Patriot Commons

The Plan Commission approved a conditional use permit for a Dollar Tree store at 984 Port Washington Road in the former Pier 1 Imports at Patriots Commons. This is the second Dollar Tree location in Grafton; the existing store at 1777 Wisconsin Avenue will remain open. The new Dollar Tree will occupy 9,000 square feet and will sell general merchandise as well as food and beverages. Hours of operation will be 9:00am to 9:00pm daily. Dollar Tree plans to be open the new location this summer.

Vet IQ at Meijer

The Plan Commission approved a conditional use permit for a walk-in veterinary clinic providing basic services such as check ups, vaccinations, and prescriptions inside the existing Meijer store at 1600 Port Washington Road. The 765 square foot space includes a reception and waiting area, pet examination areas, and storage. The customer entrance will be from the exterior via a new door next to the northern entrance; there will be an access door to Meijer for staff use only. No pets are allowed in Meijer. Hours of operation will be 10:00am to 7:00pm Tuesday through Saturday. Vet IQ plans to be open in June.

Yamato Corporation

The Plan Commission approved a conditional use permit for 13,300 square feet of Light Industrial (assembly) and 53,000 square feet for Indoor Warehousing and Distribution for Yamato Corporation. Yamato intends to relocate their business from Mequon to the former Rexnord facility at 1272 Dakota Drive. Yamato is a global leader in the manufacture of scales for a variety of applications with a focus on packaging food and other products. The Grafton location will also have a parts and service department for existing customers. The 96,500 square foot building will be remodeled to include offices, restrooms, cafeteria, a shipping/receiving area, parts storage, assembly, demonstration area, and machining area. Hours of operation will be 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday. They will have one shift with up to 70 employees per shift. Yamato plans to transition to this facility in August.

RW Shaw Construction Services

The Plan Commission approved a conditional use permit for a Professional Trades Office at 1043 13th Avenue. The owner is proposing to move his kitchen and bathroom remodeling business from 1306 6th Avenue to the vacant industrial building on 13th Avenue across the street from Veterans Memorial Park. The business will occupy 12,000 square feet and will include offices, restrooms, a showroom, storage, and light assembly. Hours of operation will be 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday and 8:00am to noon Saturday and Sunday as needed. They will have one shift with up to five office staff per shift; other employees work in the field. The business plans to be open this summer.

Paramount Plaza 2021 Walk of Fame Inductees

The Plan Commission approved the following inductees into the Paramount Plaza Walk of Fame: Hattie McDaniel, Beale Street Sheiks, King Solomon Hill, and Walter "Buddy Boy" Hawkins.

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