

Papa Murphy's, Jersey Mike's, Panera coming to Appleton's southeast side

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Some national chain restaurants will open locations on the southeast side of Appleton this year.

Papa Murphy's take-and-bake pizza will move into a new store at W3216 County Road KK, in the plaza in front of Kohl's, between Starbucks and Aspen Dental. This is a relocation of the chain's current store at 2700 E. Calumet St., owner/operator Wes Tarr said.

The pizza place is anticipating a grand opening date of March 1, Tarr said.

Next to Papa Murphy's, sub chain Jersey Mike's is expected to open its second Fox Cities location in early April, said Chad Bass, franchise owner with Eric Bendickson. Bass said they are starting work on the inside of the space to get the store ready for customers.

Bass and Bendickson also own the Jersey Mike's on North Mall Drive in Grand Chute, which opened in the fall, and a location in Ashwaubenon. The Grand Chute shop has been busy since it opened, Bass said, and business "has been great."

Just down the road from the future Papa Murphy's and Jersey Mike's, Panera Bread is planning its second Fox Cities location, next to U.S. Cellular and Chipotle. A sign that has been up outside the already-constructed building since the summer reads "coming spring 2021."

The building was completed last year and on Wednesday, contractors were inside the building working on the interior. Piles of cardboard boxes and wood could be seen outside the building.

No other details were available about the coming cafe as Panera did not respond to multiple inquiries sent by The Post-Crescent to the company's media relations team.

Panera's first Fox Cities location, at 3320 W. College Ave. in Grand Chute, opened more than a decade ago.



The new Papa Murphy's located at W3216 County Road KK. (Dan Powers/USA Network-Wisconsin)



The new Panera Bread (Dan Powers/USA Today Network-Wisconsin)