

The Founders Club

A special re-dedication and ribbon-cutting was held on Saturday, July 22nd at The Founders Club, the former Sheboygan Senior Community. The day was the 31st anniversary of the passing of Donald R. Schmitt, former president of Jos. Schmitt & Sons Const. Co., Inc. Steven and Reed Schmitt, along with Reed's wife Terri and two daughters, Erin and Christine, recognized their father/grandfather in a tribute to one of his "legacy construction projects" originally built in 1970 with two major additions in 1981 and 1996. The Founders Club is a dorm-style housing project to address the growing need for workers in the hospitality industry (Blue Harbor, Kohler Hospitality & Osthoff Resort) as well as interns and co-op students for many of our growing, successful local companies including Acuity, Alliant Energy, Johnsonville, Kohler Company, Nemak, Sargento, Sartori and Vollrath Company. It represents a \$5 million investment by the brothers and continues their commitment to ensure that none of their father's legacy projects be demolished during their lifetime as well as recognizing the "founders" of some of Sheboygan's most successful companies. In 2009, Steven and Reed purchased the former Sunny Ridge Nursing Home originally built in 1970 along with 3-outlots from Sheboygan County. They sold the 6-story building to Real Estate Equities Development of Eagan, Minnesota who worked with Jos. Schmitt in converting the abandoned County-owned nursing home into the Taylor Park Senior Apartments. The brothers will continue to find similar development opportunities to pay tribute to their father's incredible local construction legacy and to provide work opportunities for their highly-skilled and dedicated workforce.

New Life Health Food & Christian Book Store

New Life Health Food & Christian Book Store celebrated the opening of their Coffee House/Café. It is located along our beautiful riverfront at 644 S. Pier Drive. Not only do they have great coffee, coffee drinks, and Smoothies, they also have a nice selection of breakfast and lunch dishes, as well as home baked goods. Their focus is on providing homemade healthy and delicious items they work hard to source locally. For example, they use Boettcher's Farms fresh eggs and grass fed (no nitrate) beef.

High Pointe Apartments breaks ground for new apartments

LCM Real Estate broke ground for High Pointe Apartments, a 91-unit facility to be located at South 8th Street and Virginia Avenue, just south of the Henry Jung building.

The six-story building is another welcome addition of market rate apartments to downtown Sheboygan. This site will offer tremendous views of Lake Michigan and the Sheboygan River. The project will include a roof deck, gym, common meeting space and indoor heated parking.

Commerce State Bank is moving to a new location on Kohler Memorial Drive

Commerce State Bank began construction on the 8,400 square-foot financial institution and bank drive-thru which will be located on Kohler Memorial Drive, east of Aurora Healthcare. The new building is being constructed by Joseph Schmitt and Sons Construction. This location will replace the current leased location and employ up to 20 full-time positions. Commerce State Bank was recognized as a Best Workplace by the Milwaukee Business Journal for the last three years.