

Coming to College Park Shopping Center A Coffee House.... A Pizza Place.... And An Ice Cream Parlor

by Alan Abel

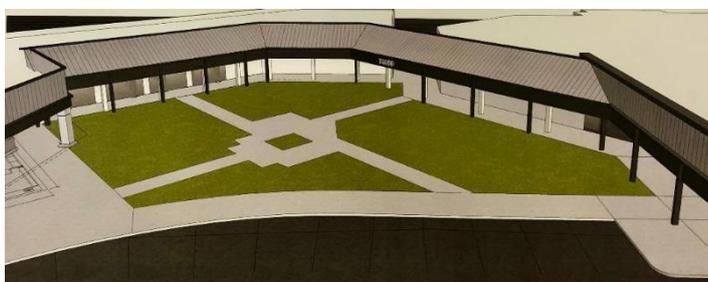
During an earlier meeting/interview with Dan Manjack, Construction Superintendent at College Park Shopping Center, he mentioned he often drives past Riverton Tower and he has been curious about this place and hinted that he would like to see RTSC. So I invited him over and, last week after work, gave him a tour of our first floor, pool area and river-view. He liked this place and we ended up in my unit where he gave some status updates:

* **Winn-Dixie** is having to replace their entire electrical system & equipment. There have been supplier delays. As such, Winn-Dixie's grand opening is being pushed back to mid-May 2023.

* **Coming to College Park: Coffee Shop -- Pizza Place -- Ice Cream Parlor**

It is exciting to know that in several months three new shops will open. In fact, Dan Manjack and his girlfriend & business partner, Jessica Rodriguez (Java Jess), will be opening the 'First Gear Coffee' shop. Dan has built several coffee shops and restaurants, but this one will be theirs and Dan said they will both be "hands on" owners.

In a recent meeting with a representative from JWB Real Estate, owner of College Park, Dan told him that he would like to change and maintain the courtyard to his own liking, where his coffee house will be located. The rep agreed and said, "You're activating this area (courtyard), bringing people in. That's what we're looking to do".



Dan envisions utilizing the courtyard for various activities including use as a music venue. As we were discussing his coffee shop "with 15 or so tables", I thought about a 'Happy Hour' for coffee. Dan grabbed onto the 'Coffee Hour' idea and said he would like to have a Coffee Hour every Thursday morning, 9:00-10:00, for Riverton Tower residents. This would be a good time, type thing, to have a cup of coffee and socialize with friends, family and neighbors, before going shopping at Winn-Dixie. The Coffee shop will also serve breakfast food: donuts, muffins, Sausage & Egg sandwiches, etc. The menu is being developed.

Also, letters of intent have been signed by a pizza place and an ice cream parlor. Their names will be announced in our December issue.

So far the College Park occupants including the soon-to-open are: Dollar General, Winn-Dixie, Anne's Nails, Arlington Bait & Tackle, Nerds Ink, Pizza Place, Coffee House, Ice Cream Parlor, Advance Auto, Pharmacy, FL Bail Bonds, Dialysis, Legacy Ministries.

The above information has not yet been released to the local press. *Riverton Review* got the scoop, again!



Photo of the Month by Mike Goodwin



Resident of the Month

The prime parking space for November goes to Sandra Shields.

Welcome (back) New Resident

Lynn White

Thanksgiving Holiday

All offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday & Friday, Nov. 24 & 25.

Knit Cro Pro Group

We meet every Tuesday at 2 pm in the cafe'. Join us while we work on items to donate to several organizations. If you need supplies, we have an assortment for knitting or crochet.

Pictured are some of the members:

Yolanda Allen, Sherry Jones, Lynn Gissendaner, Leisla Sansom, Ivette Hardy, Grace Winter and Dorothy Jones.



Murals in Jacksonville

by Jolita Wainwright

Ever see it? This mural is a block over from Osborne Center.



Lillian Pooley on her 93rd Birthday

Things to do.....

* **Chair Exercise Class**, M, W, F @ 7:00 in the Exercise Room. Monika, 581-8579

* **Atlantic Beach Arts Market**- 4th Anniversary Meet & Greet, Sat., Nov. 19, 10-5. Come meet some of the artists and start your holiday shopping. Enjoy complimentary refreshments and snacks. 1805 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach

For Sale in the Building: 20x20 Ikea area rug. Multi colored squared. Very colorful. Just had dry cleaned. \$20.00. Sharon @ 904/586-5517

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Contributions are welcome to include news, items of interest, tid-bits, and activity information.

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