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# Shops opening in the Village at Castle Pines

The people of Castle Rock have a fresh choice of goods and services in The Village at Castle Pines, on the corner of U.S. 85 and Happy Canyon Road.

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"We have a 120,000-square-foot, mixed-use village," said Doug Mitchell, leasing agent for the property. "This project has been in the works for about three years."

The marketplace is comprised of different buildings. On the corner of U.S. 85 and Happy Canyon Road, a recently sold "pad" is slated to become a car wash and detail center.

"This is called the Village Car Wash and it's expected to open this summer," Mitchell said.

South of the car wash, and at the far southwest corner of the property is the Castle Creek Market, an upscale gourmet grocery market. It will be housed in a 6,819-square-foot cedar building.

"Also in this cluster of buildings, we have Castle Pines Dry Cleaners," Mitchell said, adding that a wine shop also is going in. Rodney's Restaurant is slated to open in the next couple weeks. Neighboring it is The Garden Path Co., which opened in December 2003.

Moving to the north and slightly east of the complex is a 30,000-square-foot health club and fitness center, dubbed Village Fitness.

"This club will not have a swimming pool or large courts," Mitchell said, adding Village Fitness is a boutique club.

Memberships will be available within the next few weeks; Mitchell said the club anticipates a May opening.

A hair salon, Salon 880 at the Canyon, will go in next to the fitness club.

To the north of the salon will be Aspenfalls Spa.

"It's approximately 3,800-square feet," Mitchell said.

A Merle Norman cosmetics store will neighbor with the spa.

In a second group of buildings to the east at The Village will be a Guaranteed Bank.

To the rear of The Village at Castle Pines will be a five-star restaurant, the Castle Creek Inn.

"We will also have a European-style bakery and coffee shop," Mitchell said. "We have an upscale gift and accessory store."

Other businesses include Wrinkles Newsstand, featuring daily papers, with 500 magazines and 500 books, and a miniature post office.

"It will be connected with the coffee [shop] and bakery," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said office deals are in the works for the level above the coffee shop and other businesses which will be adjacent.

"It will be occupied by professional and medical office tenants," Mitchell said.

Ground at The Village at Castle Pines was broken in April 2003.

"We are at about 60 percent," Mitchell said regarding leasing. "We will continue to have good activity in the medical and professional office portion."

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