

## Vineland Olive Garden sets opening date as other projects in city advance

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**VINELAND** - Mother Nature has taken a small toll on several construction projects throughout Vineland, but timelines remain aggressive for the new businesses and city buildings.

Among the projects are four new restaurants slated for Vineland, three of which will find homes on South Delsea Drive. The city's new police station is another job in the works, and one deemed long overdue by Vineland officials.

"I'm very excited about these projects and the many more to come in the near future," Vineland Mayor Anthony Fanucci told The Daily Journal. "Our team has been working diligently on marketing the city and the hard work has paid off. We are showing that Vineland is open for business."



Construction continues on the Olive Garden in Vineland located across from the Cumberland Mall at 3880 South Delsea Drive on Friday, December 7, 2018. (Photo 11: Adam Monacelli/Staff Photographer)

### Olive Garden

The popular chain restaurant coming to 3880 S. Delsea Drive is slated to open in "late February," according to Olive Garden spokeswoman Meagan Mills.

Construction on the 7,800-square-foot restaurant is progressing and landscape work for the eatery also is under way.

In August, City Council approved a retail consumption liquor license for Olive Garden. The restaurant, part of a \$13 million redevelopment project headed by Raymour & Flanigan at the former home of Kmart, is expected to seat 263 patrons.



Construction work continues on Vineland's new police station at the corner of E. Plum and N. 6th Street on Friday, December 7, 2018. (Photo11: Adam Monacelli/Staff Photographer)

### **Vineland Police Station**

Weather has pushed the timeline on the new \$20 million police station back to summer 2019 from its original goal of May 2019, according to Cumberland County Improvement Authority Executive Director Jerry Velazquez.

The 66,000-square-foot facility is going up on a 3.6-acre site on East Plum Street. The CCIA issued bonds on behalf of the City of Vineland to finance the new police station.

The city will lease the building from the CCIA. At the end of the lease, the CCIA will transfer the title to the city for \$1. Among the highlights of the new station are larger spaces for the department's investigation teams and more locker room space.



Panda Express will open soon on West Landis Avenue in Vineland, between ShopRite and Lidl grocery stores. Construction at the site continues on Friday, December 7, 2018. (Photo11: Adam Monacelli/Staff Photographer)

## Panda Express

The California-based Chinese restaurant chain coming to West Landis Avenue is another project seeing a slight delay due to persistent rain this fall. Aileen Donovan, spokeswoman for Panda Express, said the restaurant anticipates opening at the end of January, which signals just a one-month setback in their original plans.

The 2,265-square-foot restaurant is located between the Lidl and ShopRite grocery stores. Panda Express will seat 82 patrons, feature an outdoor dining area and drive-thru window. The opening will mark the first Panda Express restaurant in South Jersey. The next closest in-state location is in Jackson, Ocean County. Panda Express has four Philadelphia restaurants as well.



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The Brass Tap Craft Beer Bar will open soon at 2738 S. Delsea Drive in Vineland. Construction at the site continues on Friday, December 7, 2018. (Photo11: Adam Monacelli/Staff Photographer)

## The Brass Tap

The Tampa, Florida-based craft beer bar is eyeing a January opening at the corner of South Delsea Drive and Sherman Avenue.

It would be the chain's first New Jersey location.

According to its website, The Brass Tap will offer "over 300 craft beers from around the globe in a neighborhood atmosphere that feels both relaxed and upscale."

The restaurant promises daily specials, live music and unique events every month.



The former Cosmopolitan Restaurant, located on 3513 S. Delsea Drive in Vineland, will become The Green Olive Restaurant and Lounge 2. Construction at the site continues on Friday, December 7, 2018. (Photo 11: Adam Monacelli/Staff Photographer)

## **The Green Olive 2**

Renovations are in the works, according to ownership, for The Green Olive 2 restaurant. It is located at 3513 S. Delsea Drive at the former home of the Cosmopolitan Restaurant.

A Facebook update from the restaurant said construction plans were approved by the city.

A Green Olive 2 representative told The Daily Journal the restaurant would not be open before April.

The restaurant's original location opened in 2005 in Hopewell Township.

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