

River Chase is growing St. Tammany News - Online

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River Chase is growing By Debbie Glover St. Tammany News Published on Sunday, October 2, 2011 12:15 AM CDT By next spring, area residents will have even more choices on where they can spend their money and live in western St. Tammany thanks to the River Chase development. Stirling Properties has announced five tenants of the eight-store expansion. Total additions to the current retail area will add 85,000 square feet. The additions will form an "L" next to the former site of Linens 'N' Things, which declared national bankruptcy a few years ago. New stores will include Michael's, specializing in arts, crafts, framing, floral and more with a 28,290 square foot area. A competitor, Hobby Lobby already exists across I-12 and a second location of Michael's exists already in Mandeville. Chuck E. Cheese's will occupy 15,400 square feet and will provide family dining and entertainment. This will be their second location in the parish, but the first one in western St. Tammany. ULTA Beauty will make its debut in the New Orleans area. The store is one of the largest beauty retailers in the country and will have a 10,000 square foot store. The closest store is currently in Hammond, with one also in Baton Rouge. Charming Charlie is an affordable woman's accessory boutique. They also have stores in Hammond and Baton Rouge, but none in the greater New Orleans area. Carter's, the well-known children's store, will also be in the new area. This is only their third location in Louisiana, with the closest in Gonzales. "The expansion of the River Chase Shopping Center is a strong show of the strength of the western St. Tammany retail market and the continued growth that this market is seeing," said Stirling Properties' Vice President of Development Townsend Underhill. "It is very exciting to see such highly regarded national retailers enter the western St. Tammany market for the first time and we know they will be successful at River Chase." An "upscale" Sam's Club will be coming to the shopping center as well next fall. The company also has a new apartment complex, Brewster Commons, that will be ready for occupancy in November. A 42-acre office park is also pre-leasing 157,400 square feet of space near the new Sam's location. Also in development, a Holiday Inn Express and Fidelity Homestead Bank are also poised to begin construction at River Chase later this year. Copyright 2011 St. Tammany News