

# News Clips Report

## More ethnic restaurants plan to open Hammond Daily Star

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A new Mexican restaurant will locate on West Church Street and a Greek and Lebanese sandwich shop on North Cate Street, with openings on both set for late December or early January.

The two new businesses were among 19 permits filed under residential, commercial and mobile homes in October in the city of Hammond Building Department for a total construction value of \$3,809,165, earning the city \$13,661 in fees.

Northshore Pitas LLC of Hammond was approved for commercial renovation into a restaurant a building at 118 N. Cate St. The business owner is Chris Mediamolle, originally of Mandeville, who is spending \$139,000 on the renovations of the 2,400-square-foot building, owned by Paul Cucchiara. The site is a former finance company. Construction will begin in the next seven days.

Joe Distefano Homes of Hammond was approved for the tenant buildout for Restaurant De My Tierra at 2770 W. Church St., Suite 5, at a cost of \$30,000. Owners Pedro and Catalina Rodriguez own My Tierra grocery store in the same business center and said construction is under way, and the restaurant will be

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both dine-in and take-out.

Out at **Hammond Square**, three permits were filed.

A permit to build a new Academy Sports + Outdoors at 600 Fagan Drive by Tim Dykes Architect of Houston is pending. The new 70,000-square-foot freestanding store will be built at a cost of \$2,800,000. Stirling Properties, developer of Hammond Square, announced in September the anticipated opening of the Texas-based premier sports, outdoor and lifestyle retailer in time for 2011 back-to-school shopping.

Also at Hammond Square, Hardcastle Construction of Washington, Okla., received approval to finish a buildout for Claire's at 205 Palace Drive for a construction value of \$20,000. Claire's, a retailer of jewelry, accessories and fashion for young women, will be located next to Paris Parker/Aveda.

A permit for a tenant buildout at 401 Palace Drive of The Children's Place, a specialty retailer of children's merchandise ages newborn to 14, by Permit Place of Sherman Oaks, Calif., is also pending.

Other commercial renovation permits approved included Capital Signs & Awnings of Bunkie to add awnings to Taco Bell at 2025 W. Thomas St. for \$1,200; The Tree of Life of Loranger for renovations for a child care center at 124 Commerce St. for \$10,000; Scott Sandage Properties of Hammond for repainting, updating bathrooms and other interior upgrades at 105 W. Thomas St. for \$5,000; and Frontline Concepts of Hammond for retail space renovation at 1500 W. Thomas St. C for \$500.

A permit for Premier Home Improvement of Hammond to extend a roof at 795 S. Morrison Blvd. for \$35,000 is pending.

Other commercial building permits approved included Hunt Telecommunications of Hammond for a fiber install at 1910 W. Church St. for \$25,000; Holy Ghost Church for a brick addition at 501 N. Oak St. for \$39,000; AT&T for a cabinet at 315 W. Michigan St. for \$40,000; and Alley Square for sidewalk repairs at 1320 N. Morrison Blvd. for \$4,000.