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A view of the "daylighting" of the Saw Mill River courtyard from the new SOYO lofts rental units at 2 Mill St. in Yonkers.
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What's new in Yonkers

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Westchester County's largest city usually has something in the works, so 2018 will deliver new stores, housing and entertainment options for residents and visitors.

Here's a round-up of some of the new attractions coming to Yonkers:

Soyo Lofts

The 25-unit Soyo Lofts at 13 Main St. and 2 Mill St. in downtown sit near the exposed Saw Mill River park near North Broadway. The building expects to get its temporary certificate of occupancy by the end of January and leasing began Jan. 12. Occupancy is expected to begin Feb. 1.

The Soyo Lofts feature 22 studios and three two-bedroom duplexes with monthly rents starting at \$1,300 for the smallest studio and \$2,000 for the smallest duplex. The unit sizes range from 494 to 837 square feet for the studios and 979 to 1,460 square feet for the duplexes.

Amenities include a fitness room, a club room, a meeting room and storage rooms.

Real estate agent Jane McAfee of Houlihan Lawrence said she expected the property to attract New York City commuters interested in living a two-block walk from the Yonkers train station.

"I think people who work in Manhattan will come here if they value the space

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Jane McAfee, an associate real estate broker with Houlihan Lawrence, in a studio apartment.

BELOW: The exterior of the new SOYO lofts rental units



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more than they value living in (New York City)," McAfee said.

The duplexes are in the building at 13 Main St. and offer future residents a bit of history. The 1868 building was once the home of the former Statesman newspaper, a precursor to The Journal News. The renovation even preserved the Statesman name that's emblazoned at the top of the building's facade.

The history of 2 Mill St. includes its former use as Prote's Warehouse and then McCann's Fireproof Storage Warehouse.

Boyce Thompson Center

The medical-retail complex at 1084 N. Broadway opened May 23 and its marquee restaurant, Fortina, opened in September. But the center's restaurant openings aren't over.

Starbucks is expected to open a 2,049-square-foot cafe by the end of March and the ISO Japanese restaurant is scheduled to open by July.

Executive Wine & Spirits is also expected to open by July.

Rail Trail Park

Groundwork Hudson Valley and the city of Yonkers are working on creating the Yonkers Greenway out of the former New York and Putnam Railroad spur that once ran from Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx to Getty Square.

As part of that project, a new trail-related park will be built at 52 Lawrence St., the site of a former city park.

The decommissioned park is about the size of 16 house lots accessible from Lawrence Street on the north, and on the east from Wolffe Street, which dead ends at the entrance to the park. Much of the abandoned park has large cement slabs with no grassy areas or play equipment.

This week, the City Council is expected to adopt a resolution to accept a \$215,250 grant for part of the project. Mayor Mike Spano's office estimated the park will be built this year, with the rest of the trail to be in substantial construction in mid-2019.

When completed, the Rail Trail's

three phases are estimated to cost \$5.1 million.

Permit parking

It could soon become harder for non-residents in the Park Hill neighborhood to find street parking. This week, the City Council is expected to adopt a resolution asking Yonkers' planning officials to develop a residential parking permit system for the area.

According to the resolution, the request comes in response to "numerous incidents of theft, public urination, trespassing, lewd public acts, vehicle abandonment and illegal trash dumping."

The area under consideration for the parking permit system encompasses Marshall Road between Park Hill Avenue and Ritchie Drive; Ridge Road between Wendover Road and Marshall Road; and Madeline Parkway between Marshall Road and Ridge Drive.

The state has to approve any new residential parking permit system, so once a plan is created, Yonkers will lobby state legislators for approval, ac-



The Cross County Shopping Center in Yonkers. SUBMITTED

ording to the City Council resolution.

Cross County Shopping Center

The outdoor mall expects new stores, but mall officials aren't ready to give details. Liz Pollack, a senior manager of marketing for the mall, said she expects to make an announcement by the end of February.

"In 2018 we plan to add new retail in nearly 10,000 square feet, as well as redesign our children's play areas and other amenities to enhance customers' experiences," Pollack wrote in an email.

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