

Ripco RE collaborates with Lavitt of Lavitt to broker 9,564 s/f lease

BRONX, NY A Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar has leased space in the new 165,000 s/f Riverdale Crossing shopping center in the Riverdale area, according to Joseph Farkas, president of Metropolitan Realty Associates (MRA), the project's developer. Buffalo Wild Wings will occupy the second floor, (9,564 s/f,) in a two-story section of a free-standing retailing building that is currently under construction along with the new BJ's Wholesale Club building.

"Buffalo Wild Wings, with its sports media theme, is an ideal addition to Riverside Crossing that will draw customers to the project throughout the day and evening, rather than simply generating a mealtime rush as some restaurants do," Farkas said.

The restaurant will occupy the second floor of a 46,500 s/f freestanding building facing BJ's Wholesale Club, which anchors the project in a 118,500 s/f structure on the southeast corner of the property.

Slated to open in January 2014, Riverdale Crossing is between the Major Deegan Expressway and Broadway, adjacent to the city subway's (1 Train) 238th St. stop, and is on the site of the former Stella D'Oro Biscuit Co. factory. The project will offer parking on a surface lot and on two roofdecks.

Todd Cooper and Miles Mahony, both of Ripco Real Estate Corp., are the exclusive leasing agents for Riverdale Crossing and represented MRA in this transaction. Jeff Howard of Ripco and Howard Lavitt of Lavitt Real Estate negotiated for Buffalo Wild Wings.