

Opening of Longview Boulevard brings Retail, Office and Commerce to western Lee's Summit

June 27, 2005 - Lee's Summit, MO...The landscape at the corner of Third Street and View High drive has dramatically changed since the beginning of 2005. The gateway to convenient shopping, banking and business for western Lee's Summit residents opens June 27, 2005.

Longview Boulevard, a 5.8 million roadway project, was undertaken by Communities in cooperation with the Works Administration of Lee's to fast track the infrastructure of the Longview commercial district.



Ceremonial ribbon cutting by city officials marks the opening of Longview Boulevard

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New Longview, a traditional neighborhood designed community, incorporates varied housing styles reminiscent of older Kansas City neighborhoods among civic, office and retail establishments. Longview Boulevard with its three roundabouts or traffic circles, provides a scenic drive through the market district while creating a pedestrian friendly shopping and business area. "We were pleased to work in concert with the City of Lee's Summit to bring this important transportation project to western Lee's Summit," remarked G. David Gale, president of Gale Communities. "Not only is the New Longview Commercial District bringing long awaited services to the western edge of Lee's Summit, but with this development road improvements along Third Street and Longview Road will be completed two years of ahead of schedule."

A venture of this kind between private developer and City government is not common. “The cooperation shown between Gale Communities and the City exemplifies what is possible when people work together for the common good,” stated Steve Arbo, lead staff on the team consisting of Mayor, Karen Messerli and Lee’s Summit city council members. “Because of this agreement regarding Longview Boulevard we were able to build this important transportation link much earlier and at a lower cost. We are proud of the accomplishment of completing Longview Boulevard and the improvement it will make for the southwest region of Lee’s Summit.”

The New Longview Commercial District will incorporate historical structures of the R.A. Long Estate including the Dairy Palace, calf and shelter barn, and Longview Water Tower. The northern edge of the commercial district is graced by the refurbished New Longview Welcome arch and Citizen’s Union State Bank. The renovated Show Horse Arena will open this fall as Lee’s Summit’s newest elementary school to the south.

About Gale Communities, Inc.

New Longview is the latest in a series of local & highly regarded Gale Communities including the five neighborhoods of the 1,200-acre **Winterset Park** development begun in 1990, and **Arborwalk**, the new, 400-acre community in south Lee’s Summit. G. David Gale and Gale Communities have been recognized for their sensitivity to the natural environment, careful land planning, environmentally sound construction techniques, and inclusive community governance.

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