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Inside Scoop to join the Gateway

NORTH KINGSTOWN — A refreshing new addition is coming to The Gateway at Quonset Point.

Inside Scoop, a local café specializing in frozen treats, is opening a new branch of its popular franchise as part of the pedestrian “Main Street” area of the Gateway. Located inside a 4,000-square foot building that will likely host up to three restaurants, Inside Scoop will be about 1,000 square-feet and will include indoor and outdoor seating for warm-weather months.

Inside Scoop is the second locally owned and operated business to sign up at The Gateway. Construction is already well underway on a Dave’s Marketplace, which is due to open this spring.

This will be Inside Scoop’s third restaurant. It already has a location in Cranston and another in North Kingstown, just outside of Wickford Village where it makes fresh ice cream daily.

“When I found out that Dave’s was going to be in the shops at Quonset, it just made the center a much more valuable asset to me because of who Dave’s draws as a customer,” said John Bucci, Inside Scoop owner.

The building hosting Inside Scoop is part of the large, open-air, welcoming complex and shopping

center known as The Shops at Quonset Point. Serving as an entrance area to the Quonset Business Park, The Shops includes anchors Kohl’s and Lowe’s, which are already open.

“In addition to attracting customers from the surrounding community, the Gateway has become a hot-spot of commerce for those working within the Quonset Business Park itself,” said New Boston Fund’s Patrick Cleary. “John Bucci is exactly the kind of strong local business owner New Boston has been working to bring to The Gateway.”

“Where layoffs are taking place all over the state, Quonset is bringing in jobs, and that means a captive audience for me,” Bucci said.

Almost 9,000 employees work at the businesses located at the Quonset Business Park with another 2,000 - 3,000 expected in the next few years as companies, such as Electric Boat, NORAD and the National Guard, expand their workforces.

The New England style of architecture for Inside Scoop’s building recently received design review approval from the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC).

“The building is beautiful,” said Bucci. “I can’t wait to get in there and get started.”