



# NORTH ◦ EAST KINGSTOWN GREENWICH INDEPENDENT

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## LANDSCAPING AWARD

At the annual meeting of the R.I. Nursery & Landscape Association, Inspired Design of North Kingstown won first place for its design of display gardens in the Commercial Landscape Design & Installation category. The award was given on Jan. 20 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick.

The judges noted the creative use of diverse plant material, including annuals, perennials, grasses, shrubs and evergreens.

First place awards were also presented for Residential Landscape Design and Installation, Commercial Landscape Design and Installation, Masonry and Specialty. Names and photographs of the winning entries are posted on the RINLA Web site at [www.rinla.com](http://www.rinla.com).

## NEW ICE CREAM SHOP

Inside Scoop, a local café specializing in frozen treats, is opening a new branch as part of the pedestrian Main Street area of the Gateway at Quonset Point.

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 under way on building for Dave's Marketplace, which is due to open this spring.

This will be Inside Scoop's third restaurant, with one located just outside of Wickford Village and another shop in Cranston.

"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, owner of Inside Scoop.

"In addition to attracting customers from the surrounding community, the Gateway has become a hotspot of commerce for those working within the Quonset Business Park itself," said Patrick Cleary of New Boston Fund, the developer of the Gateway. "John Bucci is exactly the kind of strong local business owner New Boston has been working to bring to the Gateway. We are looking forward to working

with more local and regional business owners like him."

## MARINA INVESTS IN IMPROVEMENTS

The five Brewer yacht yards and marinas in Rhode Island are continuing to invest in improving their facilities and dockside amenities and are taking part in ongoing quality-improvement training for staff in all departments. They are holding to last year's pricing for slip rentals, storage, repairs and some of the marinas are offering discounts to new customers and long-term customers who refer them.

More than 2,000 Rhode Island and out-of-state families moor or store their boats at Brewer Marinas, and hundreds of transient boaters visit each summer. A large portion of Brewer's customers come from North Kingstown, South Kingstown, Charlestown and Narragansett.

The five marinas represent millions of dollars in boating industry revenues and many millions more in onshore restaurant, hotel and entertainment revenues statewide.

"We know that that this economy has been very hard on some of our customers," said Chris Ruhling, manager of Brewer Yacht Yard at Cowesett