

Cosi cafe moves in next to Borders

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New York-based restaurant company, Cosi, will open a cafe in the Borders Books and Music store at 30995 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills beginning July 17.

The Farmington Hills City Council Monday approved the transfer of a liquor license to the company that has several other cafes in the metro area.

Cosi's signature "Wake up to last call" cafe, featuring signature bread and coffee products, will have entrances through Borders and directly from the street.

The two operations will be separately run, according to company officials.

The company describes itself as offering three different meals per the day: a coffee house in the morning, a lunch deli in the afternoon and then specialty appetizers and entrees with the option of liquor drinks after 4 p.m.

The council approved the transfer of a Class C liquor license that was being held in escrow in Pontiac.

This will be the first Cosi opening

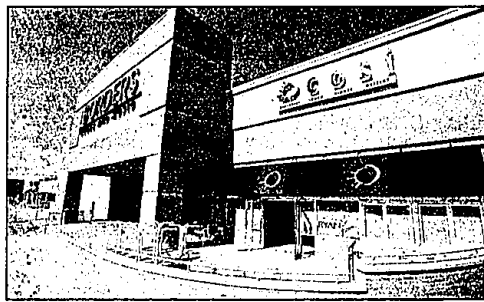
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up in a Borders store in the country. Councilwoman Vicki Barnett said she has visited a Cosi in Washington, D.C., and finds the cafe's concept "exciting, funky and new."

She said the cafe being coupled with the book store is a good mix.

"Bookstores are becoming hot places to date," she said.

According to a Cosi press release, company chairman and CEO Andy Stenzler said, "We're thrilled to be opening another Michigan location



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Next door: Borders welcomes its new neighbor Cosi, later this month.

and look forward to building a long-lasting relationship with the community."

The company says it offers breakfast, award-winning sandwiches and pizzas. Its feature foods are built around a secret, generations-old recipe for crackly crust flatbread. The products are freshly baked in front of customers throughout the day in open flame stone hearth ovens.

The atmosphere is designed to be comfortable, featuring oversized sofas

and eclectic tables and chairs and faux printed walls.

Steve Meyer, general manager of the Farmington Hills Borders, said he and his employees are excited about the Cosi moving into their former cafe area.

"We wanted to partner with a larger company who has had success," he said. "I think it will be a good mix for the clients who come here."

There are 71 Cosi locations in 11 states across the country.

New Wendy's planned on Orchard Lake

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A new Wendy's restaurant is in its earliest planning stages on Orchard Lake Road north of Grand River in Farmington.

The area was part of the H. R. Krueger Machine Tool property which was recently sold.

The 3,300 square foot restaurant is expected to have 86 seats, 45 parking spaces and a green belt.

"People will walk that area," said Kevin Gushman, director of public services. "It will have more foot traffic."

The Farmington Planning Commission in a study session discussed sidewalks, the lack of driveways on Orchard Lake Road, having the owner contact Oakland County to determine what's required because Orchard Lake is a county road, lighting and landscaping.

The clientele is different at Wendy's Restaurants than at Burger King and MacDonald's, said Bill Sefton who represents Wendy's.

"We don't cater to children," Sefton said.

The restaurant draws men ages 25-45 and women 21-50. Food items are geared to adult tastes, he said.

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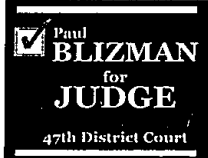
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