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New businesses coming to west Shreveport



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SHREVEPORT, La. (KSLA) - People who live in west Shreveport may have noticed some new business development in the area.

KSLA's Donna Keeya spoke to Caddo Parish District 12 commissioner Ken Epperson about the new businesses. A Starbucks and Mavis Tires & Brakes have already opened for business. The Starbucks can be seen off Pines Road exit on I-20 West, while the automotive shop is located not too far down on West 70th Street.

Now, businesses are on the way to west Shreveport. Epperson says a Golden Chick and Panda Express restaurant are also in the works to open near the new Starbucks.

"We are so elated. We are getting these businesses to come out here because the potential for economic development and community and resident development is so great in west Shreveport and west Caddo," Epperson said.

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The commissioner spoke about the benefits of having these developments happening near the intersection of I-20 and Pines Road.

"If you put a pin it, and you do about a 3 and a half, a four-mile radius, you look at about a quarter of a million cars that pass here each day. Also, district 12 has a population of about 23,500," he explained.

Epperson says the location for these new developments will be beneficial to the city and parish.

"What we are glad of is that they're located here. They're going to be paying taxes, they're going to be hiring, they're going to be supporting other goods and services," Epperson said. "And that's going to be a tremendous economic engine for this area, as well as Caddo Parish."

A pastor at a church in the heart of this new development said these new businesses mean so much to them.



"It makes it so convenient for those of us who go to church here. It makes it convenient for our food ministry that comes on the third Mondays of the month because we're able to work with people to get them into places where they can have an opportunity to eat and to be able to have business opportunities for their ministries and their lives, as well," GracePointe Church of the Nazarene pastor David Craig said.

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