

Michael's Pizza closing store, looking for new Plainfield site

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After 12 years, Michael's Pizza will close its store at 15515 S. Route 59 in Plainfield.

But owner Michael Dillon said not to worry, as he is hard at work looking for a new site in the northwest corridor of the Village of Plainfield, which is home to new residential developments such as the Grande Park subdivision.

Established in 1983, Michael's Pizza also has locations in Joliet at 2405 Essington Road, in Bolingbrook at 475 S. Weber Road and in Romeoville at 422 N. Weber Road.

Dillon said the Joliet location recently was renovated with bigger pizza ovens.

"We are real excited about the move," said Dillon.

The new location, he hopes, will provide bigger commercial space than the current Plainfield storefront in the Village Square plaza.

"(The Plainfield store)," Dillon said, "is too close to our other locations.

"We want bigger space."

Dillon last week said he plans to close the Plainfield store by the end of this month.

Since the Joliet location delivers pizza up to the Renwick Road corridor, Dillon said it doesn't make sense to have another storefront so close to it.

The Bolingbrook store also makes pizza deliveries to the 111th Street and Route 59 corridor, he added.



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After more than a decade, Michael's Pizza will close its store on Route 59. But owner Michael Dillon said plans are to open another Michael's Pizza in the high growth area of the village.

"After 12 years of being there, we will reopen as soon as we find new space," Dillon promised.

When he does relocate, Dillon said, customers can expect to order the top quality pizza made to order from the freshest ingredients that they have come to love at Michael's.

Dillon said Michael's uses only fresh produce, lean meats and 100 percent mozzarella cheese.

Plus, Dillon noted, he will continue the tradition of being a "community-minded, fami-

ly-oriented business" from his new site.

"That's why we are actively involved with dozens of local schools, churches, youth and nonprofit organizations," according to Michael's Pizza Web site.

Dillon said it makes him proud when he sees all the plaques on the wall of the Plainfield store, featuring the many baseball and softball teams Michael's has sponsored over the years.

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