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Downtown Grand Rapids businesses prep for openings

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Tonight at 6 p.m. Mayor George Heartwell is expected to cut the ribbon on Lia Rose, a **new women's boutique** on Monroe Center geared toward the 40 and older shopper.

Look for a story in the Press and on mlive.com/grand-rapids about the store. Good luck to Gina and Rosa.

Peppino's new downtown location has entered its test-run phase with a 2 p.m. Oct. 23 grand opening planned. The general public can stop by beginning Thursday. The Downtown Development Authority is expected to address a slight modification to its **liquor license** this week.

Coming in January to Monroe Center is a new Vitamin D Tanning salon at 53 Monroe Center. ArtPrize skulkers will recognize that spot as the home of "Painted Ladies" and "Everyday Wonder Woman."

Finally, the **new Thai restaurant** planned for the former Four Friends space on Monroe Center will be known as Angel's Thai Cafe. DDA retail specialist Anne Marie Bessette said the name change (it was originally to be called Thai Express Cafe) was included in a sign design brought to the city this week.

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