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The Legends at Village West



Come find out what's **RED** hot at The Legends at Village West. The March 2005 Meeting of the Kansas City Chapter of IFMA will be held on Tuesday, March 21, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. We will meet at Dave & Buster's, 1843 Village West Parkway, Suite 201, Kansas City, KS. (913) 981-6815.

Amy Kraft from RED Development will be hosting a tour at The Legends at Village West. After a short presentation, there will be group tours of The Legends. The program is a joint presentation of the IFMA and BOMA chapters.

The agenda is as follows:

5:00 - 5:45 Networking - Drinks and Appetizers

6:00 - 6:15 RED Development Presentation

6:00 - 7:15 The Legends at Village West Tour

Phase I of **The Legends at Village West** is now open which includes over **35 stores and restaurants**. The open-air shopping and entertainment district is one of the most highly anticipated developments in Kansas City.

The **750,000-square-foot shopping and entertainment district** is located in the growing Village West development near Kansas Speedway in Wyandotte County, Kan. The unique shopping district will feature a **150-foot smokestack tower**, a dancing water fountain that shoots 60 feet in the air, outdoor fireplaces and lush landscaping.

More than **80 tenants** have announced plans to join the development. The project's grand opening will take place **April 22-May 7, 2006**.

The Legends brings several first-ever locations to the region, including **Jimmy Buffet's Cheeseburger In Paradise, Dave & Busters and the Legends 14 Theater**. A grand opening in April will add the Kansas City area's first Adidas store, Cavender's western wear, Books-A-Million, and Pin-up-Bowl, as well as the first-ever T-Rex in the nation—a 20,000-square-foot destination restaurant where dinosaurs come to life amongst extravagant theatrical settings including geysers, waterfalls and ice caves.

Once complete, The Legends is projected to generate more than **\$248 million** annually in sales and create approximately 2,500 new permanent jobs and 350 jobs during construction. RED Development is the developer for the project.

The property is located near the intersection of I-70 and I-435 at the Parallel Parkway West exit in Kansas City, Kan. The past few years have been an exciting time for this area. **Village West**, a 400-acre tract in western Kansas City, Kan., has become a major tourism draw since the opening of Kansas Speedway in 2001.

Major businesses located in Village West include Cabela's, Nebraska Furniture Mart, Chateau Avalon and Great Wolf Lodge. A minor-league baseball team, the T-Bones, made their debut in a new stadium in summer 2003

URL: <http://www.legendsshopping.com/>

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Focus Feature

CFM EXAM REVIEW COURSE COMING TO KC! PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN KANSAS CITY IFMA

By Linda DeTienne, CFM, CFMJ

April 19-20, 2006

Location: Kauffman Foundation

Cost: \$200 Members; \$275 Non-members



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There will be no better time to pursue this distinguished certification, because the Kansas City Chapter of IFMA is bringing the course to your front door! This is a two-day course, running from 8-5 both days, and will present an overview of all of the core competencies: Leadership and Management, Communication, Finance, Human and Environmental Factors, Planning and Project Management, Operations and Maintenance, Quality Assessment and Innovation, Real Estate, and Technology. In addition, we will discuss how the testing is done and actually participate in a sample exam.

This will likely be the only instructor-led course offering during 2006, so if you have been thinking about pursuing your certification, NOW IS THE TIME!

You can register and pay online at www.kcifma.com, under EVENTS. If you have questions or need further information, please contact Linda DeTienne at NCRI, detienne@ncricat.com or 913-663-4111.

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International News

The Business of FM

May 16-19, 2006, Hyatt Regency

Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Spend four days immersed in the principles, characteristics, theories and concepts that make up the business of facility management. This series will include an introduction to facility management, as well as managing, advancing and evaluating the business.

To enable course participants to determine their degree of knowledge in each of the nine competency areas, IFMA has provided pre- and post-course self-assessment checklists. These checklists combined with detailed vocabulary and learning activities are designed to advance participants' general knowledge of facility management. The course concludes with a group case study experience.

The Business of FM fulfills FMP required Area 1. The last two times The Business of FM was held on site (in August 2005 and at IFMA's 2005 Fall Symposium), the course sold out! So register early to make sure you check this essential coursework off your professional development to-do list!

On-site Course Length: 4 days
Cost: IFMA Members \$995 (U.S.); Nonmembers \$1,195 (U.S.)
3.0 CEUs; 2 FMP Credits/Area 1

Operations and Maintenance Benchmarks

IFMA's New Operations and Maintenance Benchmarks Research Report is now available! Make well-informed financial and operational decisions with this survey report that unveils data from hundreds of U.S. and Canadian sites. Compare your own operational costs and practices to other facilities of similar size, type, scope and geographical location.

Operations and Maintenance Benchmarks provides housekeeping, maintenance and utility costs on a per-square-foot basis for a variety of industry and facility types. A follow-up to the popular *Operations and Maintenance Benchmarks 2001*, this report contains data collected in 2005 from more than 600 facilities. New areas covered include temperature standards and energy management.

Don't miss out on this brand new facility report. Order *Benchmarks IV* today! IFMA members save \$60 off the regular cover price. Bulk orders are also available.

IFMA Members: \$60 (U.S.)
Nonmembers: \$120 (U.S.)

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Other Upcoming Events

Audio Seminars

March 3, 2006 10 a.m. CST

The Emergency Action Plan: When a Failure to Plan is a Plan for Failure

Speaker: Lt. Col. Tom Mitchell, CFM, CFMJ, of the United States Air Force

March 23, 2006

Going Paperless—The Myth and the Reality

Speaker: Steve Moskowitz, CFM of ConocoPhillips

April 7, 2006

Facilities Capital Planning: How it Impacts Your Corporate Mission

Speaker: Lisa Raffin of VFA Inc.

April 20, 2006

Carpet Reclamation

Speaker: Georgina Sikorski of INVISTA

URL: http://www.ifma.org/learning/audio/2006_Audio_Seminar_Calendar.pdf

Sneak Peek

April Lunch Program

Tuesday, April 18th, 11:30 AM

Church of the Resurrection

This presentation provides a thorough understanding of the major issues to consider when developing a data center maintenance program.

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Quik Piks

Lunch Meeting 2/21/06





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