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## Frozen pizza maker plans relocation to Redmond

The \$40M investment will bring 114 new jobs

From a press release

REDMOND — Tuesday Redmond City Council heard plans for Wild Mike's Ultimate Pizza, a subsidiary of SA Piazza & Associates, LLC.

Wild Mike's will relocate all its operations, including its

corporate headquarters, from Clackamas County to Redmond. The recruitment of Wild Mike's Ultimate Pizza is the culmination of yearlong partnership conversations between the city of Redmond, Redmond Economic Develop-

ment Inc. and SA Piazza & Associates LLC.

The company's plans are to purchase a 46-acre parcel located at NE Ninth Street and Antler Avenue and invest approximately \$40 million to build a new facility north of 270,000 square feet that will eventually employ 114 people. "Wild Mike's Ultimate Pizza

enhances the strong constellation of Redmond's manufacturing and distribution sectors," said Redmond Mayor George Endicott in the press release. "They are a powerhouse and fit in nicely with the existing lineup such as Nosler, PCC Schlosser, Medline, Eberhard's, McConnell Labs, Fuel-Safe, BasX and others."

Wild Mike's Ultimate Pizza is a third-generation frozen pizza manufacturer presently operating in the Portland Metro area, distributing products to school districts and grocery retailers across 46 states. The company has a significant growth trajectory requiring a larger, consolidated and more efficient production

facility in a cost-effective location.

"This is a great example of a public-private partnership to encourage economic development projects in the Redmond community," says Jon Stark, Senior Director of Redmond Economic Development, Inc.

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### COST OF NEW QUARTZ PARK

## Adding parking lot, bathrooms could nearly double price tag

REDMOND — The cost of Redmond's first new neighborhood park in 15 years may double, as the city parks department's plans get more ambitious.

The long-planned Quartz Park — which will be built on the southern end of the Dry Canyon, off SW Quartz Avenue — has grown in scale as the planning process has continued, said Annie McVay, manager of Redmond's parks department.

Community surveys from

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fall 2020 indicated that the public wanted two things at Quartz Park that weren't included in initial plans: a parking lot and restrooms, McVay said. But those two items resulted in cost estimates jumping from \$1.5 million to between \$2.7 million to \$4 million.

"It's not that it's over-budget, we just (initially) estimated not fully knowing what

was going to be in the park," McVay told The Bulletin on March 2.

In the current plans, Quartz Park will be nearly 8 acres.

A typical Redmond neighborhood park is between 3 and 5 acres, McVay said.

But unlike those other parks, which are typically crammed into tight spaces, Quartz Park has much more open space to grow, due to its location at the mouth of the Dry Canyon.

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## Spokesman Calendar

### Events in and around Redmond

The Redmond Spokesman welcomes event information for its community calendar. Submissions are limited to nonprofit, free and live entertainment events. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday for the following Wednesday's paper. Items are published on a space-available basis and may be edited. Contact us at news@redmondspokesman.com or fax 541-548-3203.

### WEDNESDAY 3/10

**Fitness 4 Life with Diane:** This class is 20 minutes of low impact moves, 20 minutes of strength exercises designed to increase range of motion and 20 minutes of balance and flexibility; 7:45-8:45 a.m.; \$3.50; online; raprd.org or 541-548-7275.

**Powercut Plus with Julane:** This weightlifting class uses free weights, resistance bands and fitness balls along with great music to get you through an hour of head-to-toe muscle work. Cardio intervals are interjected between strength sets. Offered online or in-person (limited capacity); 9:15-10:15 a.m.; \$3.50; RAPRD Activity Center, 2441 SW Canal Blvd., Redmond or online; raprd.org or 541-548-7275.

**Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission Meeting:** A regular meeting will be held; 4:30-6 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/749173-0 or

541-923-7758.

**Virtual Poetry Slam:** A virtual open mic and poetry slam to uplift voices and ideas of those that are historically unheard. The event will not be recorded; 6-8 p.m.; Deschutes Public Library, online; go.evnt.com/745518-0 or 541-312-1063.

**Out of This World Book Club:** Discussing "Ready Player Two" by Ernest Cline; 6-7 p.m.; Roundabout Books, online; go.evnt.com/739536-0 or 541-306-6564.

**Paint Night:** Enjoy a two-hour class working with acrylic paint on an 11x14 canvas. Each session will present a new theme working with step-by-step instructions to create a finished piece while building on your skills. This class will be offered as a Zoom virtual class. All supplies are provided; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; \$30; online; raprd.org or 541-548-7275.

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