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Carol Stream hotel slated to open in late spring, early summer 2018



Construction workers and travelers doing business in Carol Stream's sprawling industrial park are expected to book rooms in the extended-stay hotel slated to open next year along Gary Avenue.

Courtesy of the village of Carol Stream



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Developers plan to break ground on a WoodSpring Suites in Carol Stream by the end of the summer as the extended-stay hotel chain expands into the suburbs.

Holladay Properties, a real estate firm based in South Bend, Indiana, has purchased a vacant lot along the west side of Gary Avenue, just south of Stark Drive, to make way for the four-story, 123-room hotel.

Plans call for a hotel gym, on-site laundry and rooms with kitchenettes -- all amenities designed to attract construction workers and travelers doing business for weeks or longer in a town with 20 million square feet of industrial space. Guests also could do their grocery shopping at an Aldi's store just north of the site off Stark Drive.

Holladay developed its first hotel, the Inn at Saint Mary's, across the street from the University of Notre Dame. More recently, the company acquired the rights to develop 15 WoodSpring Suites hotels in the Chicago area and northwest Indiana about three years ago, according to a memo to the Carol Stream plan commission.

The first two Illinois hotels opened in 2016 in Romeoville and Darien.

Weekly rates in Carol Stream will start at \$400, developers told the village's plan commission last month.

Village staffers are now reviewing an application for a building permit Holladay submitted last week, Planning and Economic Development Manager Tom Farace said Monday.

Developers told village officials that construction typically lasts roughly 10 months. That timeline means WoodSpring Suites -- Carol Stream's third hotel -- could open in late spring or early summer 2018 at 1160 N. Gary Ave., Farace said.

As part of the project, crews will install native plants, lighting and ground signs with stone bases that are meant to complement the look of the Ross Ferraro Town Center further south on Gary Avenue.