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## **New Retail Gaining Momentum in Woodridge**

## Intersection of Boughton and Woodward will see construction of two new retail buildings for Gordon Food Services and Art Van Furniture

(Woodridge, IL) Last Month, the Village of Woodridge approved development plans for a new freestanding Art Van Furniture store. The building 68,000-square-foot store will break ground later this year at the northwest corner of Boughton Road and Woodward Avenue in Woodridge. The Warren, Michigan based furniture retailer purchased the six-acre site at the intersection owned by Countryside-based Gallagher & Henry.

Diane K. Charles, Director of Corporate Communications for Art Van Furniture indicated that "Working with the Village of Woodridge has been a pleasure. We received a warm welcome by the Economic Development Team which helped us through the entire approval process. We thank the Mayor and the entire Board for their support and we are excited to join the Village as it continues to grow and prosper."

Art Van Furniture will not be the only new retail store breaking ground this year at Boughton and Woodward. Gordon Food Services received development approvals earlier this year to construct a new 17,000 square foot store across the street at the southwest corner of Boughton and Woodward.

"The Village of Woodridge remains committed to supporting new retail businesses and investment in the community, said Mayor-Elect Gina Cunningham-Picek. "While the regional economy is still recovering from the recession, this announcement reinforces Woodridge's desirable location for retail and positive business climate. These new stores will continue to energize the local economy, add new commerce to a vacant property, and create new jobs for Woodridge."

Staff continues to actively promote the remaining nine acres that are still available for new development.

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