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Local owners to build a new hotel at Legacy Pointe next to planned SCHEELS Sports Park Complex

SPRINGFIELD – A local hotel ownership group, Legacy Hospitality, plans to break ground on a new hotel next month at Legacy Pointe. The new hotel, Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, will be located just south of and adjacent to the existing SpringHill Suites by Marriott (3921 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, III.). The new hotel will open in the summer of 2025.

This announcement comes just six months after the groundbreaking of the SCHEELS Sports Park, which is also located in Legacy Pointe.

"The families that end up traveling to Springfield to play games at the new sports complex will be able to walk to the fields from our new hotel," said Darin Dame, Partner at Legacy Hospitality. "We've had great success with our other hotel at Legacy Pointe for the weekday business crowd who come to Springfield for their work. We believe the new hotel will serve those business customers as well during the week, and both hotels will serve traveling sports families on the weekends."

The new Fairfield Inn and Suites will have 91 rooms with amenities for the business traveler and families.

"With the new sports complex planned, we wanted to provide another hotel accommodation nearby," added Dame. "It is our hope that our groundbreaking announcement is the first of many in Springfield, because we know that our travelers are looking for other amenities like restaurants, retail and entertainment options while they are staying with us."

Fairfield Inn & Suites will be managed by Ehrhardt Hospitality. www.ehrhardt-hotels.com.

Construction on the SCHEELS Sports Complex has resumed after the winter break, with plans for the complex to be open and ready for games in 2025.

Learn more about locating your business at Legacy Pointe by visiting legacypointe.net.

About SCHEELS Sports Park: The 70-acre multisport outdoor and indoor development will be located behind the SCHEELS superstore on South MacArthur Boulevard in Springfield, Ill. just north of the Interstate 72 interchange. Amenities will include:

- A 190,000-square-foot indoor dome that can be configured at different times for basketball courts, volleyball courts, a soccer field, performance and turf training areas.
- Outdoor facilities will include lighted, multipurpose turf fields for baseball, softball, football and soccer fields.

The park is a public-private development funded by the developers, private investors, and a portion of the City of Springfield's local hotel-motel tax and sales tax. Other local government bodies (Springfield District 186, Sangamon County, Springfield Park District, SMEAA Board, SMTD, Springfield Airport Authority, Lincoln Land Community College, and Capital Township) also took action that allowed this project to move forward. The top private donors (Pinnacle Partners) for this project include SCHEELS and Springfield Clinic. Springfield Clinic will serve as the official health and performance partner. Learn more about the sports park's other partners and how to become a partner at https://www.legacypointe.net/eatshopplaystay/scheelssportspark.