

Bowling alley, bar coming to Gwinnett

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LOGANVILLE — It has been more than four months since the defeat of liquor-by-the-drink and the subsequent pullout of the Oasis Bowling Alley from the City of Loganville.

But a sign just outside the city limits on property owned by Meridian Homes is now promising local residents a long-awaited bowling alley.

It also promises a sports bar and an entertainment arcade.

Jim Self of Oasis Bowling Alley had said the defeat of LBTD was not necessarily the main reason Oasis decided not to locate in the Loganville city limits but it was a factor. He also indicated at the time that not being able to serve alcohol on a Sunday presented a problem.

The Meridian Homes property is located in unincorporated Gwinnett County, which doesn't have any restrictions on the sale of liquor-by-the-drink or sales of alcohol on Sundays.

Although the anticipated O'Charley's Restaurant didn't materialize either, Loganville Planning Director Pat Chapman said a permit has been issued to Starbucks Coffee for a location currently being developed on Hwy. 78, across the street from Publix.

"There is also a Hurricane Bay Car Wash at that location — Logan Village — and there are two other out parcels not yet filled," Chapman said.

There had been rumors that Starbucks had removed Loganville from its future stores location on the corporate Web site but Chapman said she had not heard anything to that affect from Starbucks officials. Attempts to speak to a representative at the Starbucks Atlanta regional office were unsuccessful but a Starbucks representative in the development office, Larry Strainer, said if a store has reached the permitting stage it was more likely than not that a store would be going in at that location.

Nina Ramsey, administrative assistant at Loganville Planning and Development office, said other commercial development going on in Loganville included a Gwinnett Federal Savings Bank on Lee Byrd Road, the Walgreen's currently being built on the corner of Main Street and Legacy State Bank on Harrison Road which should be opening soon.

"There is also a Kaufmann Tire being built next to Ruby Tuesdays, Gwinnett Clinic is expanding and Tim Stewart is putting in a crematory," Ramsey said.