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Their big planned redo of Village Mall, Lake George

By Ben Westcott
Chronicle Staff Writer

With the help of a \$1.25 million state Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant, the owners of Lake George Village Mall on Canada Street plan major upgrades to winterize the building, expand seating, and enhance aesthetics.

"This is the biggest thing we've wanted to do since purchasing the building," said Joe Mondella, who co-owns the space with his friend Mark French and his uncle John Grillo. "It's an old

Aided by \$1.25 million from NYS DRI grant, they'll winterize, add third floor deck, build rooftop 4th floor bar.



Joe Mondella and Mark French. The third partner is Joe's uncle John Grillo.
Chronicle photo/Ben Westcott

building. It definitely needs some updating."

Lake George Village Mayor Ray Perry said it was built in the 90s. "It was a marvel to everyone at the time, but now it's past its prime and is ready for a redevelopment. We're excited to see it. I'm looking forward to seeing something year-round and something so revitalized."

Qualifying for the DRI funding included redoing the facades on both sides of the building and winterizing it.

"It's almost impossible to heat in the wintertime," Mr. Mondella said.

"We've done a lot of things to try to close it in on our level, so we could serve people [at The Lagoon restaurant] without them freezing, but it needs more of a permanent fix."

They plan to extend out the second floor deck, build a third floor deck, and construct a new roof with a bar on top.

"That will be a fourth floor of restaurant level and entertaining," Mr. Mondella said.

The changes will allow for more coverage from the ele-

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'My breast cancer journey'

By Jodi Davidson
Special to The Chronicle

October has always been one of my favorite months. The mist filled mornings. The wind. The crows. The trees in their brilliant blaze of glory before settling in for a long rest. October is also Breast Cancer awareness month. This year, that sits a little differently with me. Over the next month **I'm going to be sharing my story. My one hope in doing this is to help someone.**

My diagnosis began with a routine, pre-work, 7 a.m. mammogram. I didn't feel sick. I felt no lump. I had Zero symptoms. The mammogram led to the ultrasound that led to the push notification that read, test results available. All before I even logged into my computer at work that morning.

My world stopped moving when I read the words, "highly suspicious for malignancy."

I sat there, in front of my desk, suspended in time. Adrenaline surged through me, my senses amplified, yet numbed at the same time. My mouth dry, my hearing muffled, I stared at the words. My phone

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Glens Falls resident's current experience; 'Hope to help someone'

Q&A: What's your opinion of 'Flock' style surveillance cameras?

Chronicle editor Mark Frost writes: That's the question we posed last week to our digital subscribers.

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CEO of Great Escape operator: 'We're moving in right direction'

By Cathy DeDe
Chronicle Managing Editor

"There's a reason these parks were sold by Six Flags. We've been brought in to try to revitalize the parks, get

them moving in the right direction," James Harhi, founder and CEO of Enchanted Parks, tells The Chronicle.

Enchanted Parks now operates six regional amusement parks — including The Great Escape — that Kansas City investment firm EPR bought from Six Flags in April.

Mr. Harhi, who is based in Orlando, Florida, said, "For some of our consumers, they're probably looking for a

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