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A data center owned by NorthMark Strategies on South Pine Street at the site of the old Kohler Co. factory in Spartanburg on July 6. PHOTOS BY KEN RUINARD/USA TODAY NETWORK – SOUTH CAROLINA

Small business incubator, Ciclops brewery set to open along rail trail

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As Spartanburg’s Mary Black Rail Trail has grown in popularity, businesses have grown up along or near the path: the Fretwell coffee shop and eatery, Hub City Gym, Flock Shop, and others.

A collection of new retail and restaurant establishments will bring additional choices for trail visitors.

A project led by Power Up Spartanburg, an initiative of OneSpartanburg, will create spaces for restaurants and retail shops at a section of the trail near Henry Street and the Thomas E. Hannah Family YMCA.

The nine container-style units will be part of an incubator program designed to support small, up-start businesses.

Meanwhile, Ciclops Cideri and Brewery is set to open its new location along the trail, near the Boxcar Spartanburg Apartments, with a grand opening event on July 25.

Ciclops was originally located on St. John Street. The move to a new location has been in the works for about two years.

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‘Transparency and public information’

Citizens group sues to force public review of data center construction

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A group called Concerned Citizens of Spartanburg County has filed a lawsuit in Seventh Judicial Circuit Court to force additional development plans for the NorthMark Cloud and Compute data center to undergo review by the Spartanburg County Planning Commission.

The lawsuit, filed July 6, contends that Valara Holdings, a subsidiary of NorthMark,

filed an application for a minor land development for the next construction phase of a \$2.8 billion data center on South Pine Street, and that Spartanburg County officials have allowed the permitting process to proceed under that designation.

According to the suit, the county’s land use regulations don’t require plans for a minor land development to be reviewed by the planning commission. But a major land development — a designation that includes commercial, industrial or large-scale residential projects — has to go before the commission.

Projects reviewed by the planning commission require a formal opportunity for public questions and comment.

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Southern Living’s top ‘legendary’ burger joints includes this Upstate classic

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In America, hamburgers have been around since the late 19th century, with their popularity exploding in the early 20th century thanks to fairs, diners, and eventually fast-food chains.

Since then, people around the world have reinvented the burger in countless ways, adapting it to local tastes and traditions.

But there are some that are “legendary.” Southern Living Magazine recently listed the “20 Legendary Burger Joints In The South,” featuring an iconic drive-in in Spartanburg, South Carolina, that has been in around since the 40’s

The Beacon Drive-In recognized for its ‘legendary’ burger

The Beacon Drive-In, located at 255 John B. White, Sr. Blvd., is known for its classic hamburgers and has been a staple in the Upstate community since 1946.

“You’ll find a great Southern landmark—and even better food—in the Beacon Drive-In. First opened in 1946, this beloved spot hosts an average of 1 million

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