

Business in the Valley

New Batavia luxury office is truly one of a kind

by Martha Cagney

Professionals looking for a place to perch may not be aware that a new luxury office building is nearing completion right in downtown Batavia. Located at Houston and Water Streets, the Pitz Corporate Center is scheduled to be ready for tenants this month.

The 12,000-square-foot building could house up to eight tenants, with two on each floor. But the leasing agent for Pitz Center, Beckland Corporate Realty of Batavia, ideally would like to see the top floor reserved for one anchor tenant.

Modern in design, the building's exterior is unusual for downtown Batavia, where limestone or wood frame structures are predominant. But Beckland agent Chris Roesner feels the city needs a unique luxury office building.

"It's the only one of its kind in Batavia—for people that want high profile, near downtown amenities and the (Geneva) train station."

In addition, the building offers a panoramic view of downtown Batavia as well as Depot Pond—"Just like Currier and Ives," said Roesner.

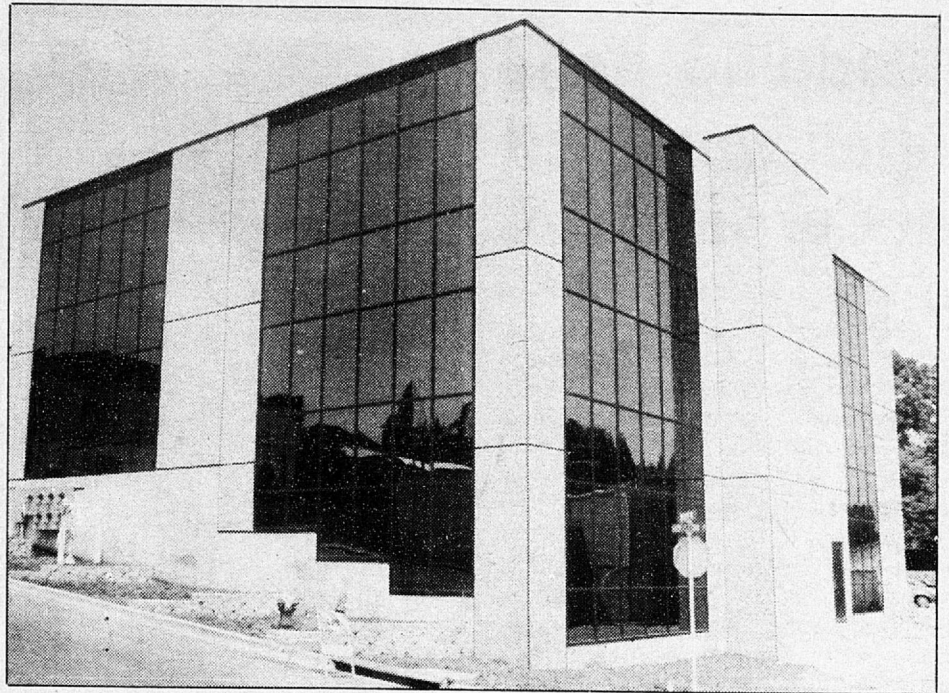
Beckland Corporate Realty primarily is seeking professional tenants such as doctors, attorneys, architects or advertising firms, according to Roesner. "A large advertising firm would be an ideal anchor tenant for the top-floor suite," he said.

"A corporation could move to Batavia from Chicago and save money in taxes and rent for comparable space," Roesner added.

Roesner says the entire office building is climate controlled, with reflective windows keeping the interior cool in summer and warm in winter.

Landscaping is being done around the base of the building, and interior drywall and suspended ceilings soon will be installed. An elevator connecting all three floors will be one of the final elements added before scheduled completion at the end of July.

Pitz Corporate Center is named after its owner and developer, John Pitz of Batavia. The center is currently ready for custom build-out to suit clients' needs, according to Beckland. More information may be obtained from Chris Roesner or Tom Prindable, 406-0224.



Modern convenience

The Pitz Corporate Center, whose modern windows look over the traditional limestone structures of downtown Batavia, is scheduled to be ready for tenants this month.

Kane County Insurance of Batavia has moved to Meadow Drive

Kane County Insurance of Batavia moved June 30 to new offices at 2S.336 Meadow Drive, Batavia. Gordon D. Anderson, owner, has been serving local clients from his office on East Wilson Street since he graduated from high school in 1954.

Founded by Gordon's Father, Victor E. Anderson, in 1952, Kane County Insurance Agency is a family business offering all lines of insurance including personal, business, church or organization, as well as life and health.

Although the company has remained at its East Wilson Street location since 1952, a fire three years ago destroyed the wood frame buildings that once housed the business. With the help of fellow Batavia business people and key city employees,

Kane County Insurance was able to move to a vacant office next-door within one day of the fire.

Gordon operates the business with help from his wife Charlene and their son-in-law Don Olson.

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