

Outlook is good for barber moving to new location

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FAIRVIEW PARK — When the construction dust settles, Stefanec's Barber Shop may offer one of the best views of any such shop in Greater Cleveland.

In fact, co-owner David Stefanec joked about pricing barber chairs after the shop opens on April Fool's Day at its new location overlooking the Rocky River valley.

"We joke we might have the cheaper seats up front near Lorain (Road) and more expensive seats toward the back with view," he said. "It's probably going to be one of the best barber shops with a view."

His plan is to have the barber shop's southern ex-

posure facing the Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Reservation be all glass. There will also be a patio overlooking the valley, he said. His shop is relocating from smaller quarters which the Stefanecs lease at 19305 Lorain.

"Business is really jumping over here," he said. "It's a great opportunity. We've outgrown where we're at and we need more room."

Construction workers have started gutting and renovating the former Bain Builders Co., 19227 Lorain to get the building under roof before winter's worst hits. Bain Builders had been there since 1976, according to Cuyahoga County Audi-

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Workers make headway on renovations for the new home of Stefanec's Barber Shop, 19227 Lorain Road. The former Bain Builders Co. is scheduled to open as the barber shop on April 1, 2009.

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tor's office records.

The site was sold at a sheriff's auction Oct. 31, 2007 after the development company's property went into foreclosure. Thomas Karnavas bought the property for an undisclosed amount. He sold it May 29 to Stefanec and his sister Julia for \$130,000, county records show.

Renovation costs are expected to be about \$50,000 with the Stefanecs serving as general contractor, said Fairview Park Building Commissioner Sel Kulcsar. Floor plans show the west portion of the building will hold the barber seats; the east part will be the office and a kitchenette with a loft.

A steep, gabled roof is pro-

posed to be added to the formerly flat-roofed structure. Columns will be added to the front along with cultured stone and siding, plans show.

"It will look a lot better than it did before," Kulcsar said. "He went to a lot of effort to do it well."

The brother and sister team of David and Julia Stefanec took over the Fairview Park barber shop from their father Frank on April 1, 2006. And 2009 will mark the 40th year that the Stefanec family has been in the barber shop business.

Brothers Frank, Joe, Steve and John Stefanec opened their first barber shop in downtown Cleveland on Superior Avenue. They started a second location downtown on St. Clair Avenue. They've added suburban locations in North Royalton, North Ridgeville and, of course, Fairview Park. All five are still going strong, David Stefanec said.

"My father Frank is helping

me out with the new location (at 19227 Lorain)," he added. "It will be great timing since

we're opening on the third anniversary of our Fairview Park location."

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Limpert said.

Road striping using epoxy paint, a chemical that "cures" only in temperatures 50 degrees or warmer, was supposed to be applied last week, but snowfall and cold temps delayed the project, Limpert said.

Striping is estimated to be complete by week's end, weather depending.

For information on construction updates for this project, and others in nearby communities, visit the Cuyahoga County Engineer's Office Web site at cuyctyengineers.org/.

Spaghetti dinner planned by American Legion

The American Legion Auxiliary will have a spaghetti dinner from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at the Clifton Post 421, on Brookpark Road at West 220th Street in Fairview Park. In addition to spaghetti,

there will be salad, bread and butter plus dessert. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children younger 3 years.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or call (216) 749-3564.