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The Loop finds a home near Avondale location to be demolished

The Loop Pizza Grill will be the first tenant in an 18,000-square-foot mixed use development on the Ortega River.

The move comes after ownership for the Jacksonville favorite learned the retail space they had occupied at the St. Johns Village would be demolished to make way for an expansion project at the nearby Commander Apartments.

The new lease will be for 3,100 square feet in Pier 17 Marine, a riverfront development and brainchild of Brooks Busey, who owns the Sadler Point Marina where Pier 17 Marine is located.



The space, located at 4619 Roosevelt Blvd., for many years housed Pier 17 Marine, a marine supply business.

Busey envisions a dynamic development that incorporates the waterfront into the design and function of the development.

That vision inspired Loop Co-founders Mike Schneider and Terry Schneider.

"This is an exciting vision for Jacksonville," Mike Schneider said. "The fact that the Sadler Point Marina development will engage the community feels like a perfect fit for the Loop, because that's what we're all about."



The new space is also near long-time customers. The space will also take advantage of the waterfront location.

"The Avondale community has supported us from the start," Schneider said. "We're happy we have found a location that will continue to serve that community, while allowing us to become part of some new neighborhoods."

The restaurant will vacate the current space it occupies on Dec. 11 with plans to open at Pier 17 Marine in early spring 2017.