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Baseball retailer debuts in Libertyville

Batterz Box, a start-up sporting goods retailer that allows young baseball and softball players to test equipment before buying it, will open its first store Nov. 1 at Red Top Plaza shopping center in Libertyville. Batterz Box will occupy 6,400 square feet in the shopping center at 1336 S. Milwaukee Ave., according to Studley Inc., the retailer's broker. A joint venture including Oak Brook-based Inland Real Estate Corp. owns Red Top Plaza, a 182,000-square-foot property anchored by a Jewel-Osco supermarket/drugstore. David Metrick, senior managing director in Studley's Chicago office, represented Batterz Box in the transaction.

Schaumburg mall put up for sale

The Streets of Woodfield, a 713,000-square-foot shopping center in Schaumburg, is on the market. The Chicago office of Holliday Fenoglio Fowler L.P. has been hired to sell the property, which had been mired in a messy three-way legal dispute between its majority owner, Chicago-based Joseph Freed & Associates LLC, Freed's minority partner, Kimco Realty Corp., based in New Hyde Park, N.Y., and Charlotte N.C.-based lender Bank of America. The bank had scheduled an auction of the shopping center in June; Holliday Fenoglio Director Daniel Kaufman declines to say who now controls the property next to Woodfield Mall. The shopping center at 601 N. Martin Road is nearly 98% leased and anchored by Whole Foods Market, Dick's Sporting Goods, and a 20-screen movie theater. A deal to sell the property for \$120 million collapsed last year. **Related story: [B of A schedules sale of Freed stake in Streets of Woodfield](#)**

Mariano's supermarket to open downtown

A Mariano's Fresh Market grocery store will open next Tuesday at Lakeshore East, the massive mixed-use development on the lakefront immediately south of the Chicago River, according to Magellan Development Group LLC, the project's developer. Mariano's, a new chain run by Milwaukee-based Roundy's Supermarkets Inc., has three stores in the Chicago area — on the North Side and in Arlington Heights and Vernon Hills. In addition to the 55,000-square-foot supermarket, the Dallas-based III Forks Steakhouse chain plans to open a 13,000-square-foot restaurant at Lakeshore East on Wednesday. The supermarket and steakhouse will be in Village Market, a 105,000-square-foot retail center at 333 Benton Place. The property is about 79% leased, according to spokeswoman for Chicago-based Magellan.
