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## Taste KeyLime in '08

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Six months from now, Gurnee's newest tourist attraction, KeyLime Cove Water Resort, will open its luxury cabanas to extended-weekend vacationers seeking a tropical getaway that's close to home.

The \$135 million indoor water park, hotel and conference center, is the vision of restaurateur "Famous Dave" Anderson, who made a grand entrance into Monday's construction site tour driving a splashy logo-covered van that matched his trademark tropical shirt.

"We believe we'll revolutionize the way Americans go on vacation," said Anderson, noting, "This is not just another water park."

Anderson and his marketing team boast that 10 years of work and research has gone into the island-inspired resort, which promises to give guests a cruise ship experience on land.

"It seems like only a short time ago, ground was broken," said Andrew Bateman, managing director for KeyLime Cove. "We're halfway through construction and well on our way to completion."

A March 2008 grand opening is expected.

### Key details

Located on 30 acres at the northeast corner of Dilley's Road and Route 132, KeyLime Cove will be open year-round and employ 600 to 650 employees. At least half will be full-time.

"We'll be looking for a lot of people who know how to smile," said Bill Morrissey, of Morrissey Hospitality.

KeyLime Cove is estimated to generate \$1.75 million in hotel tax for Gurnee in its first year of operation.

The resort will feature a 65,000-square-foot indoor water park with a lazy river, more than 400 upscale hotel rooms (ranging in price from about \$250 to \$300 a night), a 12,00-square-foot conference center, a full-service spa and fitness center, an entertainment center and arcade, a Kids' Kamp and a 24-hour convenience store with beach apparel outfitters, among other amenities.

On-site restaurants will include the Crazy Toucan Margarita Grill and DW Anderson's Eatery & Ice Cream Parlor.

The water park will only be open to hotel guests, though anyone can patronize the resort's restaurants and gift shop.

Guests will be given special wristbands upon check-in that will serve as a room key and debit card to purchase goods and services within the resort. The wristband will even be able to help parents locate their children.

In the future, during the second phase of construction, the water park will be doubled in size. The conference center will be expanded to 50,000 square feet, and an outdoor pool will be built along with 200 more hotel suites.

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