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Candlewood Suites – matching growth with growth

If you have driven down South Range Line Road lately you cannot but help having noticed the major construction going on behind the Baymont Inn near the I-44 intersection. There you will find in the final stages of construction a Candlewood Suites hotel. This magnificent new structure is of itself a vote of confidence in the current growth and growth potential of Joplin by the developers – Elliott Lodging of Springfield.

That several prominent companies have placed all or part of their operation here is evidence of area growth and that Joplin offers an ideal location for business. “There is no doubt that it is growing.” Said Gordon Elliott, developer and owner of this new hotel property, “We believe in the future of Joplin as a major growth area, that’s why we have invested in this Candlewood Suites property.”

Candlewood Suites will open soon. It is the first Candlewood Suites to open in the Joplin area. Completion is expected late January 2006. Candlewood Suites specializes in extended stay with the average guest staying five days or more. “Shorter stays are certainly welcome.” Said Joe Brenner, manager of the property. Candlewood Suites will offer larger-than-average guest suites that are loaded with amenities. The new hotel offers eighty-three suites. One feature that makes this hotel stand out from the crowd is the large cinema style flat panel television to be found in every suite. Another difference is the in-house mini-market “The Candlewood Cupboard” where guests can purchase value-priced food items, snacks and sundries 24-hours-a-day on the honor system.

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