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## Omaha's Blue Sushi Sake Grill opening in Westwood

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Omaha's Flagship Restaurant Group plans to open Blue Sushi Sake Grill in late spring 2016.

It will take a space in the new Woodside Village, near 47th Place and Rainbow Boulevard. It will be the company's ninth Blue Sushi location and its first restaurant in Kansas.

Blue Sushi serves dishes at the center of the table in a traditional Japanese style that is meant for sharing.

It has a large maki, sashimi and nigiri menu, as well as Asian-inspired cold and hot plates. Customer favorites include the River Rock Beef Tenderloin served over a plate of sizzling hot rocks, Shishito Peppers with the restaurant's special sauce (a tangy mix of garlic, soy, butter and shichimi) and Yellowtail Serrano specialty sashimi.

Other menu items include mango crab Rangoons, edamame hummus, ceviche, vegetarian lettuce wraps, Sapporo steamed mussels, chicken satay, coconut crab soup, and seaweed salad, as well as entrees like shishito pepper filet, citrus salmon and crispy coconut chicken. Blue Sushi also has daily specials, a gluten-free menu and desserts like chocolate spring rolls and tempura fried ice cream.

The bar serves signature martinis, such as the Key Lime Pie (vanilla vodka, coconut puree, fresh lime juice and simple syrup with a graham cracker crust rim, and other craft cocktails.

Flagship has four Blue Sushi locations in Nebraska, two in Colorado, and two Texas, and plans another in Illinois that also is scheduled to open in 2016. Flagship also has several other concepts.

In a statement, Blair Tanner, developer of Woodside Village, said: "We always saw sushi as part of our desired tenant mix....Blue is going to up the sushi game in Kansas City."

Woodside Village is described as the new "town center" for Westwood. It will integrate Woodside Health & Tennis Club into new luxury residential units and retail, including

a new restaurant by locally owned Bread & Butter Concepts, G. Berto Cucina, a 6,500-square-foot Italian restaurant that also is scheduled to open in 2016.

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