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ACS Development expands GEMMA Italian Ristorante's space to 5,233 s/f

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According to ACS Development Corp., GEMMA Italian Ristorante, an authentic family-owned Italian restaurant, is expanding its operations by 5,233 s/f and moving into the space formerly occupied by Krazy Karry's at its Arlington Center property at 311-321 Broadway St.

"GEMMA's success is a thrill. We celebrated the opening of the expanded restaurant in September," said Patricia Simboli. "The Velagoshti family has worked hard to make GEMMA a success. They offer the best authentic Italian food in the area and we are proud to have them in Arlington Center."

GEMMA Ristorante is hoping to build upon its existing popularity by the expansion of the dining room to capture a broader audience. GEMMA's former space - approximately 1,000 s/f - could only seat about a dozen people. The expansion of GEMMA's will enable the restaurant to offer bar area seating as well as a larger family dining area and function space. Other changes include a full liquor license and several large flat screen TVs. There will be no significant changes to the menu.

"The space has a legacy of success. It is a large space with lots of possibilities for expansion," said Ilir Velagoshti, owner of GEMMA's.

GEMMA's customers come from all across Arlington as well as Belmont, Lexington, Winchester, Cambridge and Somerville.

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