

## Brewhouse

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had to honk your horn to cross it,” Vann said.

The “Brewhouse” portion of the name isn’t just a fancy flourish, either. Vann said the group plans to revive the “nano” brewery that’s on site to capitalize on the craft beer craze and to fill a few the 24 tap lines they installed, double the number Legends offered.

“We plan to brew five to six beers of our own for this location and then make them available at Plank Road, too,” Vann said. “We might consider scaling up, but it’s really going to be a local brewery for ourselves. it’s another piece of what makes us unique to who we are.”

Vann and Van Enkenvort have set up a Facebook page and website — [www.narrowbridgebrewhouse.com](http://www.narrowbridgebrewhouse.com) — for those who want to track the progress of renovations.

## Big Brothers Big Sisters joins a busy Rail Yard

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Wisconsin will be the first tenant in the latest building to be renovated in the Rail Yard district in downtown Green Bay.

Executive Director Katie Hess said the agency will move into 3,200 square feet of second-floor office space at 520 N. Broadway by April 1. It is one of the last two remaining Larsen Canning complex buildings to undergo renovations led by DDL Holdings, a partnership of Titletown

to the success and growth of our agency.”

Joash Smits, Base Companies director of development, said the building Big Brothers Big Sisters will occupy has a total of about 60,000 square feet of commercial space, 42 underground parking stalls, private balconies and rooftop common areas tenants can use.

Prospective tenants have expressed interest in about 20,000 square feet of the building, Smits said, though leases are still being negotiated. The renovation is the latest phase in a multiyear effort to convert the Larsen Canning complex into commercial, retail and residential space. There’s plenty more happening in the Rail Yard, as this could be the year the northern half of the space begins to fill out. Here’s what else to watch for: Residential: At least three residential projects will make serious progress this year.

The first, eight-unit block of the Rail Yard Condominiums already is under construction after a January groundbreaking. Two of the eight units have been sold; the remaining six units feature a variety of floor plans and range from \$220,000 to \$409,000.

Indiana-based TWG Development Inc. will start construction later this year on Broadway Lofts, a 93-unit apartment building and 14 townhouses planned for the far north end of the Rail Yard, just south of NEW Community Shelter. The \$7.5 million project would add housing available at lower rents for income-qualified tenants.

The final, existing Larsen Canning complex building, located on Broadway just north of Elmore

state auto dealers’ association.

He and his wife, Aliece, were recognized during the National Automobile Dealers Association’s annual convention, held every January. The award is sponsored by Time magazine and Ally Bank.

Wisconsin auto dealers nominated Dorsch, and past nominees selected Dorsch from six statewide finalists. While five dealers were selected as finalists, being a nominee is still a prestigious honor, Dorsch said.

“At that level, the competition is so fierce, no nominee is a bad choice,” he said. “This is the greatest honor in the automotive business. I am happy to represent the dealers of Wisconsin.”

In case you’re wondering, the last Green Bay-area nominee was Broadway Automotive’s Jim Cuene, in 1985.

Dorsch has run the business his father, Don, and a partner founded in 1970 in De Pere. The dealership has since moved to Eaton Road, on Green Bay’s east side. Dorsch also operates a used car lot on Lineville Road. He said he still enjoys working with employees and customers.

“It’s a wonderful business. Every day is different,” he said. “You’re never going to have a boring day.”

The recognition comes with a \$1,000 donation to the nonprofit of Dorsch’s choice.

He said he directed the donation to Rawhide.

Brewing Co. and Base Companies LLC.

“It’s been exciting to see it start from nothing,” Hess said. “We’re excited to be the first, frankly, but it’s just great to be moving downtown.”

Hess said the organization’s move from its home of more than 30 years on West Mason Street doesn’t add square footage, but it does add versatility.

“We’re starting up new initiatives and new programs and it’s hard for us to grow in a space that confines us,” Hess said. “That the new space allows us flexibility to increase program staff without increasing cost per square foot will be critical

Street, will be converted into high-end, customized condominiums.

Public improvements: The last, but certainly not least, piece of the track that needs to be laid in the Rail Yard is roads, sidewalks and other public improvements.

Smits said Green Bay and DDL Holdings will start construction on an extension of Donald Driver Way to the north in March or April. The work will need to move fast, though: The first condominium units should be ready for owners by July or August.

The developers are still working out details of plan to carve out a pedestrian walkway from Elmore Street into the Rail Yard district.



**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Wisconsin will move into the second floor of a building in the Rail Yard district on April 1.** JEFF BOLLIER/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

### **Dorsch on short list for auto award**

For the first time in 34 years, a Green Bay car dealer won the Wisconsin nomination to be Time magazine’s Dealer of the Year.

Dorsch Ford Lincoln Kia owners Pete Dorsch was one of 50 dealerships out of 16,500 in the U.S. recognized for customer service, community contributions, service record, ethics and involvement in the