

Rocket Fizz launching metro-east location

A soda, candy and gag gift chain is opening its first metro-east store this week in Fairview Heights.

Rusty and Shirley Jones are launching Rocket Fizz Soda Pop and Candy Shop at 5915 N. Illinois St. in Fairview Heights, located in the same plaza and next door to the St. Louis Bread Co.

Rocket Fizz has dozens of stores in 18 states, including one across the river in University City, Mo., and plans to open 25 more across the country.

You can call the new Fairview Heights store at 618-641-9500.

A discount appliance chain will soon open its first location in the metro-east. Appliance Discounters, a family-owned discount, factory-direct appliance retailer, based in Webster Groves, Mo., has signed a lease on a 10,355 square-foot space at 6104 N. Illinois St., in the same plaza that also houses The Bedroom Store and Cherry

Berry Yogurt. Tim Johnston, vice president of NAI Desco in O'Fallon, said the new store is anticipated to open sometime this fall. The chain also has stores across the river in Webster Groves, Mo.; Arnold, Mo.; St. Charles, Mo.; and Ballwin, Mo.

St. Louis residents want to see a ride-booking service and app enter the local metropolitan area. A new survey of St. Louis residents reveals that most would like to see UberX, a ride-booking app, enter the