

Publix at Nashville West to open June 16

Not a minute too soon for Publix fans in Bellevue, West Nashville

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The new **Publix** at the Nashville West shopping complex is set to open Wednesday, June 16, and for some local shoppers it's a pretty big deal. "We have been using the one in Bellevue most every week, and the one in Belle Meade now and then," said Richard Nicks, who says he and his wife can hardly wait for a Publix closer to their Beacon Square home. "Finally having a good grocery in our section of West Nashville is going to be great and will save us a lot of travel time each week." Sherry Hester says the Publix will be "my regular store." "They have such good produce," she said.

H.G. Hill Realty Co. announced in February 2009 that a 45,600-square-foot Publix would anchor its \$13 million redevelopment of the former H.G. Hill shopping center on Charlotte Pike at Annex Road. The entire 76,000-square-foot Hill Center Nashville West also includes the completed 26,000-square-foot, two-story retail and office building, which Nashville-based civil engineering firm **Barge Cauthen & Associates** is already calling home. Birmingham, Ala.-based American Family Care and Firehouse Subs, a Jacksonville, Fla.-based specialty subs and salads restaurant have leased space in the development, said H.G. Hill Realty Co. CEO Jimmy Granbery.

By mid-July, American Family Care is set to open a family-and-urgent care clinic in the building, one of up to 15 the company intends to open in the Nashville area. Firehouse Subs currently has locations in Goodlettsville and Smyrna.

Granbery says the center's remaining 2,600 square feet of office space and 5,300 square feet of retail space can accommodate one to two additional office tenants and two to three additional retail tenants.

The Nashville West Publix will be the company's 24th store in the market. "We continue to grow in the Nashville area so that we can better serve our customers," said Brenda Reid, media and community relations manager. "Customers can expect great customer service, value, and the variety that they want."

As far as Beacon Square's Nicks is concerned, the company fulfills its goals. "Publix is a great store. The employees are always helpful and friendly, the store is always neat and clean, and the prices seem to be reasonable," he said.