



Second Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market coming to west Woodland

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In addition to the new Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market opening at the County Fair Mall this summer, the company announced Wednesday that a second location will open inside Shade Tree Plaza this fall.

Wal-Mart reported that construction is underway of the new Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market at 215 California St., inside the former Rite Aid space, "helping revitalize the shopping center in which it is located and give a boost to the local economy," said Wal-Mart representative Delia Garcia in a statement.

The 40,000-square-foot store will employ approximately 65 associates. Wal-Mart will open a hiring center for applicants interested in working at the California Street location and the details will be announced at a later date.

"We are excited about the addition of two Wal-Mart Neighborhood Markets in Woodland," said Mike Zobel, Wal-Mart Market Manager. "In addition to offering customers convenience and savings, the stores will create new jobs and offer fresh, affordable groceries for Woodland residents."

Meanwhile, Wal-Mart is currently accepting applications to fill approximately 75 positions at the County Fair Mall location. The hiring center at 1264 E. Gibson Road is located inside the mall and applications are accepted from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Interested applicants may also apply online at careers.walmart.com.

In February, Wal-Mart announced plans for the market at the mall in February, which will occupy the former Mervyn's that closed in 2009 after filing bankruptcy.

Wal-Mart plans to hire approximately 140 associates between the two stores, according to Garcia. Full- and part-time employment opportunities will be available.

The first Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market in California opened at the end of July 2012 in Huntington Beach. The store occupies a former Rite Aid that had been vacant for two years.

The new Neighborhood Market coming to Woodland will also occupy a former Rite Aid. The plaza is also undergoing construction on the former McMahan's furniture store which is being converted into an In-Shape Health Club. In-Shape is also set to open this fall.

Neighborhood Markets are a small format store designed for customer convenience. The stores will offer a full supermarket line of fresh groceries, as well as household products, pet supplies and pharmacy services. Site-to-Store will also be available at both locations, giving customers a convenient location to pick-up items purchased through walmart.com.

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