

Developer hopes construction will be completed by summer

Whole Foods looking at grand opening in mid-April 2016

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WALL TOWNSHIP — The Whole Foods set to open in Wall Township's Allaire Plaza at 1933 Route 35 is still on schedule to open up in 2016, according to those close to the project.

The Whole Foods Market will take the up the space previously occupied by the Brielle Sports Club. According to Michael Sinatra, the public relations and public affairs manager for Whole Foods Market Northeast Region, the new grocery store will be approximately 40,000 square feet and will be located in the Allaire Plaza on the corner of Allaire Road and Route 35.

Mr. Sinatra said Whole Foods Market expects the developer to turn over possession of the building within the next couple of months.

Currently the building is in the hands of Mainardi Management, a commercial real estate development, management and leasing company based in Wayne. The company is responsible for turning the building shell to a design customized for a Whole Foods Market.

The developer's work on the building began on Jan. 1 of this year.

According to Chris Mainardi of Mainardi Management, the construction on the building is on schedule and they are hoping to finish their work by the beginning of the summer. Mr.



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Construction of the new Whole Foods Market inside Allaire Plaza in Wall Township is about halfway done, according to the site's developer. Should construction stay on schedule, the store will open in April 2016.

Mainardi said some of the severe winter weather caused minor setbacks, but he was confident his crew would make up for those setbacks when the weather starts clearing up.

"We're about halfway into our work and we hope to be finished by mid-June," Mr. Mainardi said. "When our work is done, we will turn possession of the building over to Whole Foods for them to do a tenant fit-up."

According to Mr. Mainardi, a tenant fit-up is when the building tenant, in this case, Whole Foods Market, comes in to begin adding their own equipment and personalized fixtures, such as cabinets and signs.

"They are going to prepare the store to begin receiving their merchandise," Mr. Mainardi said.

According to Mr. Sinatra, should the developer stay on pace with their work and turn possession over to Whole Foods by mid-June, Whole Foods would be looking at a mid-April 2016 grand opening date.

"I believe our site will be turned over to us in the next couple of months for us to begin our construction," Mr. Sinatra said. "The store will plan to open approximately 10 months after the turnover date."

While the number of expected jobs to be created by the Whole Foods Market

opening is still unknown, Mr. Sinatra said most Whole Foods Locations have anywhere between 150 and 250 employees.

Wall Township Mayor Clint Hoffman has publicly expressed his excitement for the addition of the new food market to Wall Township, citing the number of jobs created by the store as another step forward in the economic recovery of the township.

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COURTESY OF ROTARY CLUB OF BELMAR-WALL

Amanda Wolfe [right], Rotary Club of Belmar-Wall President, welcomed Crest Physical Therapist Meghann Kolibas to the club's last meeting. The Rotary Club of Belmar-Wall is part of Rotary District 7500, encompassing Monmouth, Ocean and Burlington counties. The club meets at 7:15 a.m. every Wednesday at Meemom's, 1825 Route 35, Wall Township.

Rotary Club welcomes physical therapist

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regarding various physical challenges.

The Rotary Club of Belmar-Wall welcomed Meghann Kolibas, MPT, to a recent meeting.

Ms. Kolibas is a graduate of the Springfield College Physical Therapy Program. She received her bachelor's degree in 2001 and master's degree in 2002. She specializes in the treatment of orthopedic and vestibular conditions, and implements Pilates into her rehabilitation routine.

Rotary Club members engaged in active discussion with the physical therapist

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