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Inside the new Office Max that opened on Feb. 3 in the Fairview City Centre shopping center. This new store is narrower — but deeper — than the old store that it replaces. This view is from the back of the store, looking to the front.

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# More retailers commit to Fairview Heights

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**FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS** — A home furnishing store will be the latest to locate to a retail redevelopment underway in Fairview Heights, and an auto supply chain will reoccupy space in an existing shopping center in town.

HomeGoods will build a 25,000-square-foot store at the Fairview City Centre, a new shopping center under development near the northwest corner of Illinois 159 and Lincoln Trail. Fairview Heights Economic Development Director Mike Malloy said it could open by August.

Advance Auto Parts will open a 6,600-square-foot store in Plaza St. Clair, located just west of Schnucks. The space was last occupied by Mexican restaurant Mariachi's four years ago. The auto parts retailer is expected to open its doors there by next month.

HomeGoods will be located south and next door to the Fresh Thyme Farmers

Market locales in the metro-east.

"HomeGoods is a natural progression," Malloy said. "It helps us fill out the shopping center with first-tier retailers."

Malloy also said Fairview City Centre owner Kimco Realty Corp. is currently taking with another tenant that could occupy between 45,000 and 55,000 square feet — the final space available in the new shopping center.

Construction began last year in the footprint of a former shopping strip that was built in 1970 and had recently housed Kmart and other retailers. Kmart opened there in 1998 and closed in December 2012. Most of the shopping center was demolished.

Petco remained in place at the far north end of the shopping center during the redevelopment as a new facade was built. Office Max has since relocated from its former spot at the far south end and has recently reopened in a new location next door and south of Petco. A new Sports



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