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Shopping center coming down soon

The former **Kmart** and some of the adjacent space at a Fairview Heights shopping center will be demolished as soon as this week to clear space for a new retail center.

Most of the shopping center, located near the northwest corner of North Illinois Street and Lincoln Trail, will be torn down. **Kmart** closed its doors there in December. Plans call for demolishing all of the retail space from the existing **Office Max** store on the south end all the way north to the space next to **Petco**. The new \$32.4 million shopping center to be built in its place, to be known as **Fairview City Centre**, is expected to open by 2016.

Both **Petco** and **Office Max** would remain as tenants, and **Office Max** will move to a northern store within the new shopping center. **Petco's** existing space will remain and become part of the new shopping center. Sporting goods retailer **Sports Authority**, which is currently operating in Fairview Heights Plaza, has plans to relocate to the new shopping center. The remaining three spaces are being marketed. **Taco Bell**, **Ruby Tuesday** and **Boston Market** will continue to occupy the outlots in front of the shopping center.

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The doors open today at the new **Cheddar's Casual Cafe** in Fairview Heights. The new restaurant located just outside St. Clair Square at 6600 N. Illinois St. is the first St. Louis-area location for the Irving, Texas-based chain, which demolished the former **Casa Gallardo** building that was there to build a new restaurant. The menu features salads, soups, burgers; pasta, steak, seafood and barbecue ribs.

A new restaurant being built in Fairview Heights is scheduled to open for business on June 10. **Cheddar's**

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Casual Cafe is under construction at 6600 N. Illinois St., a spot where Mexican restaurant **Casa Gallardo** had operated for almost 30 years.