

Walmart market to be built on Cedar Lanes site

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The shuttered Cedar Lanes Bowling Center will be knocked down to make way for a Walmart Neighborhood Market.

The market is the retail giant's version of a small grocery store.

Cedar Lanes, at Cedar and Shields avenues in Fresno, closed in June 2012 after 53 years in business. The beloved bowling alley is part of a shopping center that was sold last year.

Demolition is expected to begin this month and the Walmart Neighborhood Market is scheduled to open in early 2015. It will employ about 65 people.

The store will carry a full line of fresh produce and groceries, along with some household products, pet supplies and pharmacy services. Walmart already has one Neighborhood Market in the area, a 40,000-square-foot store at the southwest corner of Willow and Herndon avenues in Clovis.



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The sign for Cedar Lanes in Fresno stands at the corner of Cedar and Shields as seen on Monday, April 30, 2012.

In a news release, a Walmart spokeswoman addressed the status the bowling alley had among many residents.

"We appreciate the sentimental significance of this site and we are working with the city and residents on a permanent, in-store tribute to Cedar Lanes' rich history," said Amelia McLearn, senior manager of Community Affairs for Walmart.

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