

## Fresno's Cedar Lanes to be razed for Walmart store

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Demolition is expected to kick off before the end of this month on Fresno's iconic Cedar Lanes bowling alley to make way for a planned Walmart Neighborhood Market.

The half-century-old Cedar Lanes located at 3131 N. Cedar Ave. closed about a year ago. It was the site of countless rounds of bowling, amateur tournaments as well as several professional outings.



“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, in a statement.

The new Walmart Neighborhood Market is expected to open in early 2015 and employ about 65 people.

Delia Garcia, a Walmart spokesperson, said in an email that site prep is ongoing at the Cedar Lanes site. Once it is complete, demolition will begin, likely before the end of the month, she said.

Walmart plans to open two additional smaller-format Neighborhood Markets in the Fresno area this year — one at the southwest corner of Herndon and Willow avenues and one at 1830 Shaw Ave. in Clovis.

The Central Valley's first neighborhood market opened at 1320 N. Demaree St. in Visalia in March.

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