



Fresno Walmart to host neighborhood welcome

Fresno's Walmart will host "A Big Family Welcome" on Nov. 21 to celebrate its expansion to a full-service store.

The facility at 7065 N. Ingram Ave. reopened today with an expanded selection of services, including groceries and a full-service pharmacy, after several months of construction.

The store was open during the expansion work, but held an official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of its fresh produce, meat and grocery sections. The store now offers organic selections and a bakery department was added, featuring fresh baked bread and tortillas.

The expansion project helped add 80 jobs, and the store now employs 300 full- and part-time associates.

"I am excited to welcome an expanded Walmart to District 2, offering a full-service grocery departments with locally grown fruits and vegetables," said Fresno city council member Steve Brandau. "I want to recognize Walmart for their continued investment in Fresno and their partnership with the community, while providing more job opportunities and grocery options for residents."

The welcome event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with store manager Mike Buchta and his family greeting customers and neighborhood residents. Family fun activities and free food samples will be given out while supplies last.

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