



The new Market and Main development at the former Macy's site in Bedford will soon break ground.

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## Groundbreaking planned, 2 leases signed for Bedford's Market and Main

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**BEDFORD** — With two more leases signed, the new Market and Main development at the old Macy's site is planning an official groundbreaking ceremony.

"We are getting some really good tenants," said Mike Nelson, senior vice-president and director of leasing with Encore Enterprises.

Although several leases have been signed, Nelson said the businesses are planning to make their own announcements.

This week, Pressed Cafe announced that it intends to open a new restaurant at the Market and Main site. Charles Schwab also plans to open a Bedford branch at the site as well.

Other tenants that were previously confirmed include Trader Joe's, The Friendly Toast and Red Heat Tavern.

Nelson said previously that other businesses including Athleta, REI, Cycle Bar, European Wax and MidiCi were working on finalizing leases. On Wednesday he would not comment on whether those have been signed, stressing several businesses are waiting to make their own announcements.

"We are going to have a great big groundbreaking really soon," he said, explaining Trader Joe's is hoping to be one of the first in operation.

Miri and Roi Shpindler, owners of Pressed Cafe, said they are thrilled about the new Bedford development and the expansion of their business to include a Bedford restaurant.

"I am amazed at what is happening on South River Road. To see how it has come to life is unbelievable," said Miri Shpindler. "You will have

everything you need now in Bedford."

Pressed Cafe is excited to offer Bedford residents with a new choice for healthy, fresh and fast food, she said.

"To bring those high-end flavors and that fresh element to a quick service model will be great for Bedford since that is something that just doesn't exist there," she added.

Pressed Cafe currently has locations in Nashua and Burlington, Mass.

Roi Shpindler said they started their restaurant career in Manchester, and are anxious to return back home, in a way.

"To be coming to Bedford — it is going to be nice to drive that road," he said. Roi Shpindler's family previously owned Caesario's in Manchester, and later the couple opened the Bridge Cafe and Mint Bistro.

The couple says the mix of restaurants that will be housed in the new Market and Main site will be ideal for the Bedford area.

Although the dirt hasn't moved on the site in several months, developers say a lot of activity has been happening behind the scenes to finalize leases. And, a groundbreaking date will soon be set, according to Nelson.

The town planning board previously granted conditional approval for the large mixed-use development at 125 South River Road. Encore Retail LLC has slowly revealed more details about the potential tenants that will be occupying the 355,708 square foot complex that is expected to include a cinema, hotel, medical office, restaurants, retail space and parking garage. Developers said previously that the Market and Main project could create more than \$1 million a year in tax revenue.

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