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Hanover Shopping Center Renovations Continue

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Look Close among an array of Hanover construction projects and you might notice that a new shopping center on the north side of town is quickly taking shape.

The North Point Shopping Center, near the intersection of Carlisle Street and Eisenhower Drive, is set to feature at least one new store and a relocated restaurant, according to the site's leasing agent, and construction of that new space is well under way.

Karen Martin, a leasing agent and property manager at the site, has said the shopping center will eventually be home to a new Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Store, as well as a Pizza Hut restaurant moving from its current location across Carlisle Street. Pizza Hut was slated for a fall 2011 opening, and Jo-Ann Fabric was set to open its doors in the first quarter of 2012, as of earlier this year.

Martin could provide no update on the timeline for either store last week, though she acknowledged obvious structural progress is being made.

The new addition, on the north side of the property, comes after demolition of the old movie theater located at that site. That 14,000-square foot building to house Pizza Hut and, eventually, four smaller spaces.

The new Pizza Hut site will be approximately 3,000 square feet, with the smaller sites approximately 1,700 square feet in size, according to the leasing agent's website.

The new Jo-Ann Fabric store, to be located toward the other end of the center near the Big Lots store, will measure just over 14,000 square feet. Crews could be seen at that area last week working on a new facing and renovating the interior.

Another retail site, of about the same size, remains to be leased between Big Lots and Jo-Ann Fabric, according to the website. Martin offered no new information on that slot. By way of comparison, The Big Lots store is approximately 30,000 square feet.

The shopping center has recently seen another renovation - the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant closer to Carlisle underwent a facelift and is now once again open.

The retail changes on both sides of Carlisle Street roughly correspond with a state road-widening project in the area that officials have said will stretch into next year.