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McKay's Mill commercial development set to begin

Walgreens, Publix will be
among the offerings

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FRANKLIN — Within the next few months, McKay's Mill homeowners will start to see dirt moving on their subdivision's upcoming commercial development.

Matthew Fuller, marketing director for the Florida-based Barclay Group, said the company will be breaking ground on its first Nashville-area project in the next 30-60 days.

Located at Liberty Pike and Oxford Glen, the center will have three commercial corners, anchored by a Publix grocery store, a Walgreens and a yet-to-be-determined bank, Fuller said.

"We're always looking for good growth markets, which is what McKay's Mill is," Fuller said. "The area was not being served — I don't think there's a grocery store within three or four miles."

The entire project will take up 9.2 acres. Fuller said other tenants who've already signed on include a dry cleaner and a hair salon, and many more leases are still out.

"We're looking for a mix of retail and restaurants, local and national," he said.

On the northwest corner of the roundabout will be a 38,900-square-foot Publix, surrounded by 13,400 square feet of retail space.

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The southwest corner will be anchored by Walgreens at 14,800 square feet, with 3,750 square feet surrounding it.

The northeast corner will house the bank, as well as 10,000 square feet of medical and professional office space.

Fuller said strong household incomes and limited competition persuaded Barclay to enter the Nashville market with McKay's Mill.

"We're the only commercial development within the subdivision," he said, adding that the future extension of Cool Springs Boulevard south to the development "opens up the project to the whole Cool Springs market."

Publix is scheduled to open in August 2005. Fuller said he expects some surrounding tenants to be ready for business around the same time. ■