

New Grocery Store Opening on Main Along Planned Streetcar Extension

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This building at 3967 Main near the planned 39th Street streetcar stop is being renovated as a grocery store.

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A new grocery store on the proposed streetcar extension intended to cater to its diverse neighborhood with international foods as well as a premium selection of liquor, wine and beer is planned for a vacant building at 3967 Main.

The 9,000 square-foot store will be located in a small, diagonal strip center off Main by Midwest Cyclery and is geared toward serving nearby residents and apartment dwellers accessing it via the planned 39th Street streetcar stop.

The store is part of a revival along Main sparked in part by the anticipated streetcar extension that includes the [renovation of the historic Netherland Hotel](#) into apartments, and hundreds of [new](#)

apartments developed by [MAC Properties](#) on Armour Boulevard.

“Obviously, the streetcar is a plus,” said Jay Friedman, a partner in the venture. “We love the fact the streetcar will come through there...It’s a very walkable area too.”



The 9,000 square-foot store will feature a variety of international foods as well as staples such as meat and produce.

Friedman said the building has been used as a grocery store throughout its history dating back to the 1930s.

The partners envision it as offering a variety of foods that cater to the international tastes of the neighborhood as well as offer staples including milk, eggs, meats and produce. Much of the shelves won't be stocked like a conventional supermarket, however.

“We’re trying to have things for people from other parts of the world who live there,” Friedman said. “Everything from Africa to Pakistan to India, there’s so much diversity.”

The store also plans to offer quality liquors and a good selection of beer and wine.

Friedman said the owners expect to open the store, which still is in search of a name, by the first quarter of 2020.

The tentative hours will be 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week, with the liquor department to remain open later.

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