

Many Kentucky 54 projects remain under way or not announced

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Here's a look at some of the current commercial projects on East Parrish Avenue-Kentucky 54:

-- The Springs Health Centre, 2200 E. Parrish Ave.

Malcolm Bryant announced plans for what's billed as the "largest private office park in western Kentucky" back in 1999.

Today, five of the eight buildings are complete or under construction.

When work on the 22-acre, \$20 million complex is completed, it will have more than 220,000 square feet of office space for an estimated 500 employees.

A state-of-the-art conference center and possibly a child-care center and exercise facilities are planned, Bryant said.

The complex, he said, will have more than 1,100 parking spaces.

-- Woodlands Plaza, southeast corner of Kentucky 54 and Fairview Drive.

This 36-acre shopping center is slated to begin opening this summer.

The lineup includes three restaurants, Casa Martinez, Mancino's Pizza & Grinders and Oscar's Place; two banks, Republic Bank and BB&T; a large liquor store, Tan-acious Tanning and Anytime Fitness.

Thursday, the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission approved rezoning of 4.1 acres to expand the development to the east.

-- Tapp Motors, 4550 Kentucky 54.

Tommy Tapp sold his 17-year-old car lot at 5079 Frederica St. to Don Moore and is in the process of building a dealership just east of Thruston-Dermont Road on Kentucky 54.

A summer opening is expected.

-- Ritzy's, northeast corner of Kentucky 54 and Thruston-Dermont Road.

The diner known for its hamburgers, fries and homemade ice cream has bought property on Kentucky 54 for its second Owensboro location.

Construction is scheduled to start this summer.

-- Old National Bank, 3230 Mount Moriah Ave.

Old National will be building a \$2.7-million branch, its fifth in Daviess County, in front of the new Wal-Mart.

Look for a summer 2006 opening.

-- 24/7 Touch-Free CarWash, 3233 Mount Moriah Ave.

A Louisville company says it will spend \$1.5 million to build a laser car wash in front of Wal-Mart. An opening is scheduled for late summer or early fall.

-- Villa Point area.

Three strip centers are in various stages of completion in front of this 24-year-old shopping center across Kentucky 54 from the new Wal-Mart.

Tenants include Real Hacienda, a Mexican restaurant.

-- B&K Development.

A company called B&K Development recently paid \$2.4 million for about 75 acres along the bypass just south of Kentucky 54.

That's the old Pennyrile Mobile Home Park property.

No word yet on plans. But an announcement is expected later this month.